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Advance party of the Egyptian delegation to the political committee talks starting next week entering the Jerusalem Hilton last night. (Richard Charbit)

Land work starts near Abu Ageila

By EVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL ARISH. — Five Jewish National Fund earth-moving vehicles were seen yesterday preparing three sites along the road from Bir Lahfan to Abu Ageila, 30-35 kilometres southeast of El Arish.

These previously unreported sites are not included in the published maps of Southern Project settlements. At a site approximately 12 km. southeast of Bir Lahfan, a motor-grader was observed clearing an area approximately 200 by 300 metres. One kilometre further south along the road three large bulldozers were seen turning over land and still another bulldozer was seen some six km. south at another site.

An informed source indicated that there are an additional number of work sites — probably between five and 10 — scattered along 40 km. of a third road which stretches south from Moshav Ugda in the Sadot area.

A worker at one of the sites said that he had been told that they were intended for agricultural settlements, but most workers questioned claimed not to know anything about the purpose of their work.

JNF officials would not confirm last night if any work was being carried out at these sites, but they said if such work is going on it is the result of government directives and is within the framework of strengthening existing agricultural settlements.

Military committee convenes tonight

Optimism as talks start despite public rhetoric

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Despite last-minute bickering in the mass media, Israel and Egypt are going ahead with their plans to negotiate the elements of a comprehensive peace settlement. The joint military committee agreed upon by Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Anwar Sadat at their summit meeting in Ismailiya last month begins its deliberations this evening at Cairo's Tahra palace, while the joint political committee — also agreed upon at the Ismailiya summit — will convene at the Jerusalem Hilton on Monday.

Indications from Cairo are that the Egyptians expect the military committee to negotiate what amounts to a bilateral agreement with Israel, and the political committee to tackle a comprehensive Middle East settlement which will embrace any agreement reached by the military committee.

Cairo's "al-Ahram" daily, which usually reflects official Egyptian thinking, wrote yesterday that the military committee will discuss a phased Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, the deployment of UN troops in the areas evacuated by Israel, and the size of both the Israeli and the Egyptian forces to be maintained in the area. The talks will also deal with the status of the Israeli settlements and installations in the areas to be evacuated, the paper added.

The report in "al-Ahram" is seen by observers as a clear indication that Egypt might be reconsidering its stand on Israel's military and civilian presence in Sinai — despite public statements to the contrary.

As far as Israel is concerned, the major issues to be tackled by the military committee are the future status of Ophira (Sharm e-Sheikh) and the fate of Israel's military and early-warning installations in Sinai.

The political committee will work on the components of an overall Middle East settlement.

The most immediate point of difference between Jerusalem and Cairo at the moment is Israel's recent crash programme to strengthen its existing settlements in Sinai and to set up several new ones in the West Bank. The future status of the Old City of Jerusalem and Egypt's insistence on an eventual Israeli pullback in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are also seen to be among the thorniest questions the negotiators will have to tackle.

Despite the obvious gaps separating them however, both Cairo and Jerusalem insist that they are making headway in their search for a peace settlement.

Prime Minister Begin claims that he has secured greater Egyptian understanding on the questions of the need for full-fledged peace treaties, secure borders and a continued Israeli military and civilian presence both in Sinai and in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. President Sadat, for his part, maintains that he has just won Israel's recognition of Egypt's claim to sovereignty over the whole of Sinai. He also claims that he has achieved some measure of success over the question of the West Bank — where Begin has agreed both to suspend Israel's claim to sovereignty and to offer the local population administrative autonomy.

It has been difficult to assess the degree of harmony existing between Begin and Sadat in view of their recent clashes over the media. The most serious incident occurred on Sunday, when Begin warned that Israel might withdraw its offer of a near-total pullback in Sinai if Sadat insists that Israel remove all its settlements there. And yesterday, Begin cautioned that Israel might forward claims of its own if Egypt goes ahead with its threat — voiced by Premier Mamduh Salem — to claim $12b. for the oil which Israel

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Dayan meets top Italian leaders on peace plan

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ROME. — Long talks with President Giovanni Leone and Premier Giulio Andreotti yesterday served mainly as a sounding board for Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's presentation of Israel's peace plan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Naftali Lavie told Israeli reporters in Rome last night.

Other subjects covered in the Dayan talks include trade relations, citrus exports, and visa requirements for Israeli citizens travelling to Italy, he said.

Dayan emphasized that the main area that offers real possibilities for negotiation with Egypt is the Sinai Peninsula, since no one can speak on behalf of the West Bank. Israel views West Bank inhabitants as "Palestinians," Dayan said, and they will speak for themselves, he added.

While Italian press reports stated that Italy had exerted "pressure" on behalf of the EEC, Lavie denied that Premier Andreotti has expressed more than a general plea for making a success of negotiations to avoid "profound disillusionment with rather foreseeable and serious consequences." The PLO was not mentioned by either side, he said. Dayan also requested and received explanations on the nature of the present Italian crisis.

Yesterday afternoon, Vatican "Foreign Minister" Msgr. Cassiroli visited Dayan at the Grand Hotel. Cassiroli expressed satisfaction that negotiations between Israel and the Arab world have started moving and said he believes there will be positive results. He also expressed his hopes that other Arab nations will join in so that peace will be comprehensive. The holy places were not discussed — although they will be, foreseeably, when Dayan is received in a private audience by the Pope tomorrow morning.

Dayan's morning trip to Sicily scheduled for today remains a mystery, unless the obvious is true — and that is that Dayan and his entourage are going on an archaeological sight-seeing tour.

Last evening a reception in Dayan's honour was due to be held at the Hilton here, followed by meetings with Italian Jewish leaders. After returning from Sicily this afternoon, Dayan is scheduled to meet with Israeli ambassadors to the various European countries, called to Rome for the occasion.

Although ostensibly the reason for Dayan's acceptance of Italy's invitation to visit here, at this time, is to promote friendly relations and clarify Israel's wish to have her point of view taken into account by the EEC, there is speculation that Italy's political standing with both Israel and the Arab nations make her a useful friend at this time of concrete peace initiatives.

18 Egyptians arrive to prepare for talks

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Without fanfare or crowds, 18 Egyptians arrived in Jerusalem yesterday to prepare for the Israel-Egypt political committee talks opening next week.

Their arrival at the Hilton Hotel in virtual anonymity was in sharp contrast to the excitement and elaborate security precautions that greeted the Egyptian advance party before President Sadat's visit two months ago.

After landing at Ben-Gurion Airport in an Egyptian Boeing 737 airliner, they were driven to Jerusalem in two cars and a bus. A score of newsmen and a handful of tourists watched silently as they entered the lobby and strode businesslike to the elevators with their Israeli escorts.

The only verbal exchange was between Ze'ev Hefetz, head of the Israel Government Press Office, and Shafik Bar, his Egyptian counterpart, who greeted each other warmly. Hefetz had met Bar when he accompanied the Israeli delegation to the Cairo peace talks last month. Later on, members of the group drifted down to the lobby in a relaxed manner.

The Egyptians, consisting mainly of communications and security men, are to meet with their Israeli counterparts today to begin technical preparations. Bar actually began working last night in the Hilton lobby, where he held a string of meetings with Israeli radio, television and communications officials. He was informed that two telegraph lines and one telephone line (permitting 20 or more conversations simultaneously) will link the Egyptian delegation's suites in the Hilton directly with Cairo via Italy.

Television film crews, studio facilities and other assistance was promised Bar by Yossi Basson, director of Israel Television production services. Dan Kanner, head of Israel radio operations, agreed to Bar's request for two radio lines direct to Cairo. The opening of the conference will be televised live to Cairo.

The talks are to get under way next Monday in the hotel's grand ballroom. Hotel carpenters were busy yesterday in the basement constructing a round wooden table with a hole in the middle and a formica top to serve as the conference table.

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Delegation to Egypt facing 'the unknown'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

When Israel's military delegation steps off an Israel Air Force plane in Cairo this morning, it will be taking a step into the unknown.

The Jerusalem Post learned that while the general outline of the Israeli plan for Sinai has already been presented to the Egyptians, no prior agreement has been reached on any of the details. The negotiations will thus be crucial, and it is understood that for at least the initial two meetings the discussions will be devoted to procedural matters and not to substance.

The Post also learned that there is no Israeli certainty that its proposals — which for many here are considered maximum offers — will be acceptable to the Egyptians. One senior source said last night, "It's all hanging in the balance."

The gravity of the talks was highlighted yesterday by a request from President Sadat (see adjacent story) to meet with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman before the forum of defence officials starts hammering out its stands.

An unconfirmed report reached *The Post* last night that Israel would be prepared to offer Egypt immediate sovereignty over returned territory upon the signing of a peace agreement.

An Israeli pullback would then follow in stages from areas already legally returned to Egypt, resulting in an unprecedented situation of Israeli forces being stationed in neighbouring territory with foreign permission during the interim. The Israeli pullback could take anywhere from the 10 months being asked for by the Egyptians to the three years proposed by Israel.

The senior members of the military delegation will be staying at the Tahra palace, and two hotels in Cairo have been set aside for Israeli journalists and other members of the delegation. Weizman, chief of staff Mordechai Gur, and other top negotiators will return to Israel on Thursday afternoon. The future course of the talks presumably will be decided today and tomorrow.

Last night senior delegates to the talks held preparatory discussions at the Defence Ministry, and yesterday morning Weizman met with Prime Minister Menahem Begin for last-minute consultations.

Sadat: Substance, not rhetoric, is what counts

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASWAN. — President Anwar Sadat moved deliberately yesterday to contain the escalation of inflammatory statements and counter-statements between Egypt and Israel, saying that the substantive positions at the forthcoming talks — not the advance rhetoric — are what really matters. He hoped Israel would prove not to have toughened its substantive position, he told newsmen here, a day before the opening of the military committee's deliberations in Cairo.

But at the same time, Sadat firmly reiterated that Israel's choice is "between land and peace," and warned that Israel could not hope for peace as long as she occupies another's territory.

In the Egyptian press, meanwhile, the angry reaction to Israel's latest settlement actions reached a new crescendo of bitterness, casting a shadow over the start of the talks in Cairo. Much quoted is a lengthy front-page editorial by "Al-Akhbar" editor Moussa Sabry yesterday urging "the Israeli people to press their government" against "a return to the Stone Age — with all its blood and wars and threats."

The most unrestrained vituperation of the Cairo papers was in the "Egyptian Gazette," the English-language daily put out by the publishers of the independent and influential "Al-Gomhourriya." Rebutting Begin's argument that land accretion in the wake of a defensive war is not "impermissible," "the paper continued in its Tuesday editorial:

"It is absurd for a 7,000-year-old nation to discuss 'territorial changes' with a collection of Khazar Jews who just about have enough claim (sic) to Arab lands as eskimos to Tasmania.

"Let it be known to Mr. Begin and his rough crew of land-grabbers that there can never be any peace agreement between Egypt and Israel ... so long as one Israeli soldier remains on Egyptian soil. The real Jews of this world, not to be confused with Mr. Begin's converted-from-phallus-worship lot, began their exodus from Pharaonic Egypt circa 1222 BC with Egyptian chariots in hot pursuit.

"We should like to tell today's Israelis: 'Let's Begin (sic) the exodus once again, gentlemen, but this time we hope there will be no need for chariots.'"

President Sadat, who spoke to newsmen after escorting the visiting Shah of Iran to the airstrip here, and again when receiving a group of British MPs, said he did not want to get into public polemics with Begin. "But Israel cannot have peace so long as she holds another's land. Israel's choice is land or peace."

British Tory MP Sir Dennis Walters observed that this had "aways been Israel's choice — and

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Weizman may meet Sadat before talks

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASWAN. — Israel's Defence Minister Ezer Weizman will meet here today with President Anwar Sadat prior to the opening of the Egyptian-Israeli military committee talks in Cairo later in the day, an informed source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The projected meeting — if it takes place — would bear out a report by *The Post's* military correspondent that the Cairo talks will deal with basic political matters, and not only with security arrangements on the ground in Sinai.

The meeting between Weizman and Sadat would signify that the president reserves the option of interceding personally at crucial junctures of the talks — and settling problems directly with Weizman.

Sadat has openly shown, both in Cairo and in Jerusalem, that he thinks highly of Israel's defence minister and likes "doing business" with him.

The Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks is due to arrive in Egypt at 11:30 a.m. today, and the opening ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m., according to official sources here. That leaves ample time for Weizman to fly up to Aswan for a meeting with El-Rais.

Defence Committee defeats DMC appeal on settlements

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Attorney-General Aharon Barak today will explain to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee the legal situation regarding expropriation and seizure of lands in the occupied areas, following the failure of a DMC appeal in that committee concerning the four new settlements in Judea and Samaria.

The appeal of the Democratic Movement for Change was turned down by 14 votes to 9, with two abstentions.

Under the coalition agreement whereby the DMC joined the government last fall, the rejection of the appeal means that the four settlements can proceed at once.

The 14 votes against the DMC move came from the Likud, the NRP, and Meir Zorea of the DMC's hawkish wing. The nine votes for the appeal came from the Alignment (seven) and two DMC men, Amnon Rubinstein and Shmuel Toledano. The two abstainers were Akiva Nof (DMC) and Yosef Tamir (Likud-Liberals), who had thrown the committee into a bit of a turmoil the day before with his criticism of the government's surrender to Gush Emunim pressures.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said at yesterday's committee meeting that some of the land required for the four settlements was private, but belonged to absentees.

This stung the DMC's Toledano into reaction, pointing out that absentee status, for the purpose of land confiscation by the custodian of

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Perplexed Schindler tours, hopes to meet Sadat today

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASWAN. — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, spent a relaxing but slightly embarrassing day in Cairo yesterday, wondering when if at all he will get to see President Sadat (who is here in Aswan).

Together with his wife and the conference's executive director, Yehuda Hellman, Schindler flew in Sunday night from Tel Aviv via Athens, to take up a formal invitation extended to him by Egypt's Washington envoy, Ashraf Ghorbal.

From the moment of their arrival, with no one at the airport to meet them, through their hotel registration — no one had reserved rooms for them — and through two days of pleasant but frustrating idleness, the Schindlers and Hellman have grown increasingly perplexed.

No word had reached them by yesterday afternoon from Sadat's bureau regarding their planned audience in Aswan, and their own efforts to ascertain what arrangements had been made for them have met with polite unhelpfulness.

At first they put the problem down to the bad communications between Aswan and Cairo. But Hellman's faith in this explanation seemed shaken yesterday afternoon when I telephoned him from here — without too much trouble.

Hellman said the U.S. ambassador in Cairo, Herman Eilts, had been looking into arrangements for the meeting with Sadat, and it now looks as though it will be held today. Schindler and Hellman met for an hour-long briefing session with Eilts

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Ben-Elissar due home today from Rumania

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, will return home today from a two-day visit to Bucharest. Government sources last night confirmed that Ben-Elissar had been dispatched on a special mission to deliver a message from Prime Minister Begin to Rumanian President Nikolai Ceausescu.

Begin was reported to have informed Ceausescu of the latest Middle East developments. Ceausescu had been instrumental in bringing Premier Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat together in Jerusalem and Ismailiya.

Ceausescu was said earlier to have urged Begin to be more forthcoming on his offer of self-rule for Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, informed sources in Jerusalem denied rumours that Ben-Elissar would stop over either in another European capital or in Aswan before coming home from Bucharest.

Manned Soviet space shot to double-dock with lab

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday launched a second manned spaceship toward an historic double link-up with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.

The official Soviet news agency Tass announced that the Soyuz 27 space capsule was launched into orbit at 3:36 p.m. (2:36 p.m. in Israel) carrying a rookie Commander, Lt.-Col. Vladimir Janibekov, and veteran cosmonaut Oleg Makarov.

Janibekov and Makarov were scheduled to dock their capsule with Salyut 6 and join the Soyuz 26 cosmonauts, who are already aboard the space station, for a historic joint mission.

The Soyuz 26 cosmonauts, Lt.-Col. Yuri Romanenko and Georgy Grechko, were launched into space one month ago, on December 10, and have spent the last 30 days aboard the Salyut 6 station.

There had been speculation that the Soviets intended a spectacular double-docking with Salyut 6 ever since the Soyuz 26 capsule docked with a previously unused equipment hatch, leaving the main docking unit free for a second spaceship.

Tass said such a docking will make the labs more economical to operate since it allows new crews, food and scientific equipment to be ferried to the space station to keep it operational longer.

Soviet scientists have hailed the Salyut 6 station as being the most advanced and automated they have yet produced. The experts have said that their ultimate aim is to establish a permanently functioning manned orbital space station. (Photo — Page 4)

3 policemen hurt in shootout with wanted criminal

BNEI BRAK. — Three policemen were injured yesterday trying to apprehend a suspect who grabbed a gun from one of them and fled. The suspect, a wanted criminal, was shot in the stomach and later tracked to a nearby hospital.

The wounded policemen are Shmuel Yoskovitz, who got a bullet in his hand, Rav-Samal Katriel Ochman, shot in the leg; and Rafi Bendel, who was punched in the face by the suspect.

Four plainclothes policemen were waiting in ambush near a white Mustang parked outside 9 Rehov Ibn Gabirol here and suspected of containing stolen goods. When a young man drove up in another car and started piling goods from the Mustang into the second vehicle, the policemen moved in. Asked to identify himself, the suspect slugged Bendel, grabbed his revolver and began shooting.

An exchange of fire developed between the suspect and the police team, which chased him through the sidestreets of this town but failed to catch him. The suspect was shot in the stomach and later turned up at Beilinson Hospital.

The suspect, who was undergoing surgery last night, was identified as a wanted criminal, 18 years old, from Ashdod.

China tilts toward Vietnam in Cambodian border dispute

HONGKONG. — China tilted towards Vietnam yesterday, when it published an edited version of Vietnam's current frontier battle with neighbouring Cambodia.

The official New China News Agency monitored here released excerpts from a Vietnam Foreign Ministry account of January 6, repeating segments charging Cambodia with being the aggressor. However, the agency deleted some strong language, such as charges of "barbarous attacks."

The Peking version surprised many observers here, who have strong evidence that China has backed Cambodia in its border dispute with Vietnam, which has been supported by Moscow.

NCNA yesterday also emphasized Vietnam's appeal for a negotiated settlement of the dispute. The agency repeated a lengthy section of the document which began, "Vietnam and Cambodia are two fraternal neighbours..." It also quoted Vietnam's call for talks: "The countries concerned should examine these problems in a spirit of equality, mutual respect, friendship and good neighbourhood, and settle them through negotiations."

Cambodia, which broke off relations with Vietnam on New Year's Eve, rejected the call for negotiations until Vietnam withdraws its troops from Cambodian territory.

Cambodia, meanwhile, yesterday claimed that Vietnamese forces had struck into the country's remote northeastern corner, and that "several thousand" had been killed in fighting along strategic Highway One, leading to the capital, Phnom Penh.

Radio Phnom Penh said that Cambodian forces continued to push Vietnamese troops out of the country — a claim discounted by most western analysts. (AP, UPI)

West Bank notables want to meet Kamel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of West Bank Arab notables are seeking a meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Ibrahim Kamel, who will be heading his country's delegation to the political committee talks in Jerusalem next Monday.

Bank of Israel fears record inflation

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Should the Bank of Israel's fears about the new state budget be substantiated, the government will be injecting about IL1b. per month during the coming year, and inflation could easily reach 40 per cent.

Mordechai Frankel of the Bank of Israel said yesterday that, if the budget is allowed to stand as presented to the Knesset on Monday, the printing of new money will bring inflation to a new high. He also predicted that the pound will have to continue to fall to maintain export profitability and domestic growth. The pound could then reach as much as IL22 to the dollar during the year, he said.

The Treasury's Ephraim Dovrat, however, announced yesterday that his office is already drafting plans to cut the budget. He added that if the government finds it must print more than the IL6.5b. called for in the budget, the Treasury will take measures to absorb more money from the public. But he declined to say how the government would do this.

Dovrat said that he fears wages will rise in real terms, which would ruin the government's economic planning. According to the budget, the average wage in the private sector will rise by only 3 per cent in real terms. But the Bank of Israel believes the Treasury is wrong by assuming wages in the public sector will not rise much. For this reason, the bank suspects the printing of new money will exceed IL6.5b.

The two economists were making these points yesterday while presenting the "national budget," which is in effect a forecast of economic developments for the coming year prepared by their respective institutions. This is distinct from the state budget, which is the official government budget.

The budget also suggests that unemployment will rise by 9,000, to reach 55,000 or 4.5 per cent of the labour force, by the end of the year. But the Economic Planning Authority thinks unemployment will be even greater. In the third quarter of 1977, it had already reached 53,000.

It emerges from the budget that the average price level in 1978 will be 45 per cent higher than in 1977, assuming the inflation rate is only 30 per cent. It is therefore, difficult to understand how the Treasury writes in the budget that the wages will increase by 36 per cent.

It is also understood from the national budget that the government hopes to report $1.7b. in foreign currency reserves by year's end, as against $1.38b. at the end of 1977. This means that the Bank of Israel will continue to buy foreign currency, which will keep the pound falling.

The most noteworthy changes foreseen for next year are a spurt in economic activity, a growth of about 4 per cent in the Gross National Product, and a halt in the recent steady drop in new investments. Exports will rise in real terms by 11 per cent and imports by 6.5 per cent (after a 2 per cent drop in 1977). Defence purchases will account for the main growth in imports.

The national debt will increase by the end of the year by about $800m. and reach $1.12b.

Population growth will be 2.2 per cent next year, and the civilian workforce will grow by 2 per cent.

Private consumption will be up by 3 per cent or less than 1 per cent per capita. A 10 per cent cost-of-living increment is expected in April and a similar one in October — following the 12 per cent of this month. The maximum C-o-L payment will be IL2,700.

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THE WEATHER

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Jericho	47	13—18	19
Gaza	68	8—14	15
Beersheba	54	8—14	15
Eilat	28	11—19	20
Tiran Straits	42	10—18	19

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir yesterday met with pupils and staff members of the National Security College during a study tour of the Knesset held by the school.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin was presented with Ilan's 25th anniversary pin at a ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday, marking the start of the organization's anniversary celebrations.

Mr. Begin yesterday received West German publisher Axel Springer.

Springer also met with opposition leader Shimon Peres, Minister of the Interior Yosef Burg, and the chairman of the parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Moshe Arens.

Housing Minister Gideon Patt yesterday gave a reception in Jerusalem's Beit Elisheva for outgoing Housing Ministry director-general David Weinshal and incoming director-general Shlomo Avni. The reception was attended by Knesset members, local council heads, housing company directors, and other officials.

The 15th annual "Australia Day" was held yesterday in the WIZO Beit Hashuliya children's village in Haifa. The day's events were attended by Australian Ambassador Walter Handmer, Australian WIZO representatives, and WIZO members in Israel.

Joan McWhirter, writer and lecturer, will speak on her experiences in bringing the story of Israel to British audiences at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at the YMCA.

In Memoriam

A memorial service for the "Lamed Heh," the 35 people who died on their way to the besieged Gush Etzion settlements 30 years ago, will be held tomorrow at Har Herzl at 10 a.m.

Rose Halprin's funeral tomorrow

The coffin of Rose Halprin, twice national president of Hadassah and for many years chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, will arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport from New York at 11:30 this morning. It will be accompanied by Charlotte Jacobson, former president of Hadassah and chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

The body will lie in state at the Henrietta Szold-Hadassah School of Nursing at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre at Ein Karem, from 8:30 to 9:30 tomorrow morning. The funeral will set out from the Jewish Agency compound at 10 a.m. for the Mount of Olives.

Another Ashkelon deputy mayor held

ASHKELON (Itim). — Yosef Shoshana, who was a deputy mayor of Ashkelon until the town council was dissolved by the Interior Minister last month, was ordered remanded in custody for 10 days yesterday on suspicion of taking bribes from a local architect.

Shoshana is the second deputy mayor of Ashkelon whose name was mentioned in connection with bribery of town hall officials. Baruch Abuhatzeira, the first deputy mayor, is now on trial on charges that include taking bribes. Police said in Magistrates Court here yesterday that Shoshana had received IL17,000 worth of building materials from architect Isidor Leibowitz, who was ordered held for seven days at the same hearing.

Knesset endorses two new ministers

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

After a stormy three-hour debate the Knesset last night endorsed the decision of the cabinet, a few hours earlier, to co-opt two new members: Haim Landau (Herut) and MK Moshe Nissim (Liberal Party).

The vote was 46-29, along coalition-opposition lines. But only three of the 15 MKs of the Democratic Movement for Change were present. Even before the vote, the failure of the DMC to speak in the debate had evoked comment.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin threw a bombshell into the debate when, in his reply, he accused Alignment chairman Shimon Peres of having leaked "most serious information" that Begin had revealed to him — as leader of the opposition — when Peres visited him in hospital. Consequently, Begin said, he had decided never again to invite Peres for a private talk.

Begin's remarks on this subject were in reply to Alignment whip Moshe Shahal, who in his speech a little earlier had charged Begin with having gone back on his promise to keep Peres informed of major diplomatic and security developments.

"I didn't violate my word," Begin said. "He (Peres) did."

Peres, in a personal statement, denied that he had leaked any secret information. "Ma'ariv" had published — not as a leak but with explicit attribution to Peres — his statement that the Likud hoped the Geneva conference would last for five years.

This, Peres said, was an evaluation, not factual information. Furthermore, it was not based on what Begin had told him, but on other sources. In fact, "everyone knew it," he said.

Peres said that he had never asked Begin for any special privileges as leader of the opposition. The Prime Minister had no right to conceal information from the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. But the plan of giving Egypt sovereignty over Sinai had been revealed to the committee only *post factum*, Peres said.

Begin mounted the podium again. He said he had indeed told Peres that the Geneva conference would last a long time. But he had added that it would prevent war. And Peres had used that information — and information it was — to assail the Likud.

The Prime Minister declared that he had no obligation to give information to any parliamentary committee. Golda Meir had withheld information not only from the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee but even from the cabinet. And who knew better than Peres at what a late stage Ben-Gurion had let the cabinet in on the secret of the Sinai Campaign of 1956 — although foreign personalities were involved in its planning.

Begin also revealed that he had rejected a proposal by the security services to probe the recent leaks from the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Most participants in the debate ridiculed the Likud-led government for having failed to carry out its promise to reduce the number of ministries to 12. With the two latest additions, there will be 19 ministers and four deputy ministers, they noted.

But many speakers took the opportunity to fault the government — or the Prime Minister personally — for a variety of other sins. Rabbi Kalman Kahana (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) even brought up the question of permits for work on the Sabbath.

Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment) criticized the Prime Minister for having invited Landau to the recent cabinet meeting that discussed Begin's peace plan — even though Landau was not a government official.

Shlomo Hillel (Alignment) recalled that Landau had been a member of the national unity government and had resigned, together with Begin, because they could not accept the Sinai cease-fire of August 1970. "I did Landau an injustice," Hillel said. "I thought he quit because he opposed Israel's withdrawal and a territorial compromise. What he really wanted was the total relinquishment of our rights and the restoration of Egyptian sovereignty."

The two new ministers will not have portfolios, but Begin said that they would be assigned "practical and serious" tasks and would contribute to the cabinet's political discussions.

The co-opting of Landau and Nissim to the cabinet will give the Herut and Liberal wings of the Likud bloc an additional minister each, and bring them up to the one-minister-to-four-MKs ratio enjoyed by the other coalition parties.

After the two took their oath of office and were on the way to their seats at the cabinet table, Begin gave Landau — his old comrade-at-arms in the Irgun Zva'i Leumi — and Nissim each a bear hug.

Being toasted into the cabinet yesterday at a special session are new Ministers without Portfolio Haim Landau (right) and Moshe Nissim (second from right). Seen here with them are (continuing from right) Ministers Modai, Abuhatzeira and Levi. (Eliahu Harati)

Geula Cohen to organize opponents of peace plan

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

Herut MK Geula Cohen yesterday said that she will try to organize those who oppose the territorial concessions the government has offered in its peace proposals.

Cohen told *The Jerusalem Post* that she will cooperate with the Land of Israel Movement and Gush Emunim. She added that there is also a considerable number of members in Herut (Prime Minister Menahem Begin's party) who oppose the proposals.

Noting that 40 per cent of the Herut Central Committee members voted on Sunday for hardliner Shmuel Katz for the post of cabinet minister — instead of Begin's candidate, Haim Landau — she said, "the 40 per cent were a green light that not only are there people who think like me but they are also willing to fight."

Geula Cohen, who said she intends to stress the future of Jerusalem in her campaign, opposed Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's trip to Rome and his planned meeting with the Pope, as well as the proposal that Morocco and Saudi Arabia be included in the committee which is to supervise the religious sites in Jerusalem.

"What do Morocco and Saudi Arabia have to do in Jerusalem? These are states, not religious bodies," she argued. "They will have political strongholds under a religious cloak," she added.

Cohen is particularly concerned for the future of the Temple Mount, and the Machpela Cave in Hebron.

Pensions bill goes to committee

Post Knesset Reporter

A private member's bill that would put on a statutory basis the payment of pensions to Prisoners of Zion and to survivors of Jewish martyrs executed by foreign governments passed its preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday.

Shoshana Arbeli-Amozlino (Alignment) said, in presenting her bill, that pensions to members of these groups were now paid under an agreement between the Jewish Agency and the National Insurance Institute.

It would be more dignified, she said, and a sign of the esteem in which the nation holds these silent heroes, to put their pensions on a legal basis as those of veterans of Israel's wars and persons disabled as a result of Nazi persecution.

Replying for the government, deputy Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin said that the subject was delicate and complex. Some months ago the government appointed a committee to study the problem. The proposed bill had to be considered as part of the whole complex of pension payments to various groups, he said.

Flomin had no objection to referring the bill to committee, and the House did so without opposition.

American of W. Bank origin held on terror suspicion

An American citizen who has family living in Ramallah is being held on suspicion of contact with Arab terrorists, the prisoner's brother said on Monday, according to the Associated Press correspondent in Tel Aviv.

Sami Esmail, 24, was arrested when he arrived last December 21 to visit his father, said his brother Basin. His arrest was confirmed by U.S. embassy sources, according to AP.

According to the brother, Esmail is suspected of being a member of an Arab terrorist organization. Since the arrest, Esmail's father, who lived in Ramallah, died. Esmail was let out of jail under armed escort and permitted to attend the funeral, AP says.

"He has never had contact with the PLO and knows nothing about explosives," his brother claimed. "All the hearings have been secret, and we were not informed by the Israelis of his arrest."

Basin was told his brother was in jail after inquiring at the embassy.

Esmail was born in New York, and is a graduate student at Michigan State University. He is being defended by attorney Felicia Langer, the AP report says.

Langer also defended Terry Fleener, the American woman who was sentenced to five years imprisonment in Tel Aviv on Monday after her conviction on charges of conveying information about Israel to terrorist organizations.

The Itim news agency last night corrected its earlier report that Fleener had said when arrested on her arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport: "I want attorney Langer to represent me." Mrs. Langer told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the agency's report that security personnel thought that this was an indication that Fleener had been told by her dispatchers to ask for Langer to represent her if she were caught in Israel, was, therefore, completely unbased.

FOR SLAPPING a teenager whom he had arrested on suspicion of theft, and hitting the youth's hands with a club, Samal Rishon Shalom Levy of the Netanya police has been fined IL800 with a two week's suspended jail sentence by the police disciplinary court.

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has extracted in Sinai over the past decade.

Responding to reports coming from Cairo and Washington, Begin has also denied that Israel is considering a possible exchange of territory in the Negev for the Israeli settlements in Sinai. There is no truth whatever in these reports, Begin insisted.

The political committee is expected to be preoccupied for some time with working out an agenda that will not invalidate UN Security Council Resolution 242, which has been governing Middle East peace talks. Certain clauses in the agenda are seen as likely to clash with certain of the provisions contained in that resolution. The committee's deliberations are intended eventually to result in the definition of a comprehensive peace settlement that will pave the way for the participation of the other Arab parties involved in the conflict with Israel — possibly at a reconvened peace conference in Geneva. The parties concerned are Jordan, Syria and the Palestinians.

Jordan has pledged to join the current peace initiative once the peace principles are defined — but only on its own terms: total Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers and the recognition of the right of the West Bankers and Gazans to self-determination.

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday conferred in Amman with Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, who opposes Sadat's opening with Israel. The two leaders significantly failed to issue a communique following their talks, and Boumedienne left, after a few hours' stay, for Syria.

Hussein has been coordinating his position with that of Saudi Arabia, which yesterday expressed its firmest public support to date for Sadat's initiative when it announced that it was in full agreement with the Middle East outlook of the Shah of Iran. The Shah yesterday paid a brief visit to Saudia on his way home from Aswan, where he declared his full backing for Sadat. He said that he fully supported the Egyptian President's current peace talks with Israel, but stopped short of backing Sadat's demand for the return of the Old City of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty.

When asked about the future of East Jerusalem, the Shah said: "As a Moslem, obviously I would say that the Moslem holy places (in Jerusalem) must be run by Moslems."

Abandoned car hit by train

HAIFA (Itim). — The passenger train which left here for Tel Aviv at 8 a.m. yesterday struck a car which had been abandoned on the tracks at the Binyamina-Zichron Ya'acov junction. The car was demolished and the locomotive slightly damaged. There were no injuries.

Police are investigating.

EL AL and Olympic Airways have signed an agreement allowing each to maintain six weekly flights on the Athens-Tel Aviv line.

DEFENCE

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absentee property, does not exist in the occupied areas by specific government ruling.

Toledano also argued that while the government has the right to seize land for military use in the areas, as it has inside Israel proper, there could be no question of putting civilian settlers to live on and to cultivate seized land.

He would not object to the government expropriating land against legal compensation, Toledano explained to *The Jerusalem Post* later. However, the cabinet decision of Sunday said specifically that no private land would be expropriated. He added that an inquiry should be made to see whether previous settlements had been set up in the areas without the land being taken over by due process.

Toledano also said that the clause in the DMC coalition agreement, whereby land settlement plans could be appealed from the cabinet to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, had been shown viable only insofar as the factions did not use the whip to force all their members to vote one way. He said that the DMC had been led to believe, during the coalition negotiations, that all the members of the committee would have a free vote.

In one committee, before the 14-t vote on a motion by the Likud, there were votes on three other motions, including one by the Alignment which rejected the settlement plans because they were "at the wrong time and in the wrong places."

18 EGYPTIANS

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The Hilton has set aside the top five floors of the 21-floor hotel for the Egyptian party. Yesterday's arrivals found flowers and fruit in their rooms. Some 47 Egyptian journalists and four government press officials are expected by Sunday. A special press centre will be opeating out of the Binyenei Ha'ooma conference hall next to the hotel.

Trips around Israel will be provided for the Egyptian visitors by the Government Press Office. Sadat's visit was so brief that there was no time for such touring, but Israeli journalists in Cairo were treated to considerable sightseeing during their stay.

David Lennon adds:

Upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport, Shafik Bar was warmly welcomed by the photographers and pressmen who remembered the valiant job he did in providing communication facilities during the Mena House talks in Cairo last month.

"Welcome, welcome," cried the journalists as the broadly smiling Bar went over to shake their hands. There was genuine pleasure in the meeting on both sides.

The Egyptian crew took photographs of each other with El Al staff. El Al publicity men handed the Egyptian pilot, Captain Mohammed Nagi, a record of "Songs of Israel."

PERPLEXED

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on Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile, all of the president's top ministers and aides left for Cairo yesterday morning after the Shah of Iran departed. They are not expected back until Friday, when Britain's Premier James Callaghan is due to visit Sadat.

The minor officials still here in Aswan know nothing of Schindler's arrival. Outside Sadat's villa yesterday afternoon a security captain named Ahmed informed me "with certainty" that no Schindler was on the Rais' appointments list.

A dwindling number of local and American newsmen were still hanging on here last night in the hope that the U.S. Jewish leader would turn up today.

There has been no official word of his visit from the Egyptian government, and the only report of it cited by the press here is that published by the JTA in New York last Friday. Schindler's presence in the country has not been mentioned by the major Egyptian newspapers.

A pensive Hellman Monday night said he regretted that the invitation — and its acceptance — had been leaked, apparently by Jewish sources in America. The trip had originally been intended to be discreet, he indicated. But at the same time there had been no indication from the Egyptians that *they* wanted to keep it secret. On the contrary, Ghorbal had apparently readily confirmed the initial JTA report to all questioners.

SADAT

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they've always chosen land."

"What makes you think," he asked Sadat as newsmen listened, "that they'll choose differently this time?"

But Sadat refused to join the Englishman in his condemnation of Israel.

He agreed on the historical reading, but added: "It was clear to me from my trip to Jerusalem that the people of Israel want peace."

"Al-Akhbar" editor Sabry, reputedly very close to the president, expanded on the same point in his article, which — headlined "Warning against Deadlock," — was the talk of the day in political circles here and in Cairo. The people of Israel, he wrote — as he himself had seen when he accompanied Sadat to Jerusalem — "really believed in the courage and the sincerity of Sadat's visit." It is they who would be the "victims" of their government's present hard lining, he warned.

Sabry asserted that the danger of deadlock looms over the peace initiative, both because of the Sinai settlements and because of Israel's position on the West Bank. Egypt, he argued, had made a cataclysmic concession in recognizing Israel and offering to live with her in relations of normalization. Only last April Sadat had told U.S. President Carter that normalization with Israel would be impossible in his lifetime.

Yet the Israel government "takes this for granted" and wants to start bargaining with this already in the bag. This is a tragic misconception, he said. Sabry hoped the "new realities" in the wake of Sadat's initiative, coupled with popular opinion inside Israel, would move the Begin government away from the "vicious circle" which it had created.

Katz opposes cuts in welfare budget

KIRYAT MALACHI (Itim). — Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz said yesterday that he fears certain budget cuts may be made at the expense of the needy.

Speaking at the social workers' annual convention here, Dr. Katz said that any attempt to cut services to the needy — in a situation of inflation — should be firmly resisted. "An even-handed approach to fighting inflation leads inevitably to conspicuous inequality," he said, stressing that the economically weaker sectors of the population must be protected as far as possible from the effects of inflation.

Dr. Katz noted that welfare services were not always satisfactory under present conditions, and should not be allowed to deteriorate further.

Police officer hurt in road accident

NETANYA (Itim). — Rav-Pakad Eliahu Arieli of the Jerusalem police was seriously injured yesterday when his patrol car collided with an Egged bus at the Havatzelet Hasharon junction on the coastal road. The patrol car was thrown into a pickup truck which was coming out of Havatzelet Hasharon, slightly injuring its driver.

In another accident on the coastal road not far from here, an Egged bus driver was seriously injured when two buses collided at the Kfar Vitkin junction. The driver of the second bus and 10 passengers were slightly injured. The two buses were driving one behind the other when the accident occurred, and the force of the collision drove the first bus into the back of a lorry.

Courts Law amendment

Post Knesset Reporter

Judges will be authorized to hold hearings in camera when matters of personal status are involved, under an amendment to the Courts Law which passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The bill originated as a private member's bill tabled by Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party).

Post coverage of Mena House talks was 'too accurate'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASWAN. — *The Jerusalem Post* was the subject of a formal complaint by the Egyptian delegation at the Mena House "preparatory conference" in Cairo last month.

According to a well-placed source here, the Egyptian chief negotiator, Esmat Abdul-Meguid, complained at one of the sessions the *The Post* had been reporting meticulously accurate details of the conference's proceedings. Meguid apparently also disliked the way *The Post* had interpreted or construed some of those details.

The source said Israel's chief negotiator, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, had replied that there was nothing he could do to keep *The Post* reporting from annoying Meguid.

Meguid, along with all the other negotiators, was kept supplied with *The Post* by the UN's Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, who had copies of the paper flown in from his Jerusalem headquarters each day.

Sick funds may be asked to help pay dental bills

Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said yesterday that he would consider a suggestion that the sick funds be requested to cover, at least in part, the private dental bills of their members.

Replying to a parliamentary question by MK Samuel Flatto Sharon, Shostak said the sick funds do have dental clinics, but these are not equipped to serve all their members. The fees in these clinics are substantially lower than those charged by private dentists.

Shostak said that, in conjunction with the Dental Association, the Health Ministry's department of dental care would work out a price list for dental treatment.

In reply to a question by Ronnie Millo (Likud), Shostak said that allocations to the Histadrut's Kupat Holim from the state budget had often covered as much as 35 per cent of its annual budget.

Surveyor held as suspect in Haifa Beit Halohem fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Haifa municipal surveyor was ordered remanded in custody for 10 days by a magistrate here yesterday after police claimed he had conspired with several contractors to defraud his employers and the disabled veterans organization of several hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Police said that the surveyor, Moshe Waldhorn, had deliberately submitted a falsified map of the plot on which the disabled veterans' Beit Halohem was to be built. By marking the height of the Beit Halohem plot as three metres lower than it actually is, the surveyor, police said, caused the planning authorities to believe that the contractors would have to be paid several hundred thousand pounds for land-filling operations to raise the level of the plot.

Waldhorn denied these allegations. Police said they had already questioned the contractors allegedly involved in the affair, but had decided not to arrest them for "police considerations."

Sayyed Abdul-Aziz Amara, Israel's first Egyptian tourist, stops in at the Knesset yesterday and is greeted by Prime Minister Begin. (Sunphot)

From murder suspect to *persona non grata*

By YORAM BER
Special to the Jerusalem Post

On Thursday, January 5, one day after the murder of PLO representative in Western Europe, Said Hammami, I was detained at London's Heathrow Airport as a suspect in the case. I was en route to Cairo at the time of my arrest, and was carrying my Israeli passport.

After being detained by Scotland Yard for two hours, I succeeded in leaving London via Swissair for Zurich. I had been told by an airline official that "Israelis top the 'blacklist' of nationalities British Airways refuses to fly to Egypt."

From Zurich I continued on to Cairo, arriving on Friday at 6 p.m.

"Everything will be all right. You should be cleared in a few minutes. We are waiting for someone to accompany you to the city," a Cairo airport official said. "Since the murder of ("Sunday Times" correspondent) David Holden, we can't take any chances," he added.

The "few minutes" stretched into 26 hours, during which I was in the constant company of two Egyptian detectives. I was frequently reassured that everything was being "taken care of" and it would only be a short time before I was cleared.

By Saturday evening, I realized that I would be unable to enter Cairo. Requesting my passport back, I stated that I would be returning to Israel.

Greatly relieved, airport officials managed to cut through the red tape and have me on a plane out of Egypt within minutes. A police officer, who handed my passport back to me only when I had taken my seat on the plane, told me that I would be welcome in Cairo this week for the start of the second round of talks.

British Airways willingly flew me from Cairo back to London. (*Yoram Ber is a free-lance writer who lives in Jerusalem.*)

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and its Board of Governors deeply mourn the passing of

Prof. Dr. BERTHOLD SIMONSOHN

member of the Board and a leader of the University's Society of Friends in Frankfurt

and extend heartfelt condolences to the family.

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More immigrants and a 'bright future' for Yamit

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — Absorption Minister David Levy yesterday promised local residents that their town would receive "immediate preferential attention" from his ministry in the form of a programme designed to bring "hundreds" of new immigrants to live here.

Levy said he had already given orders to begin preparation of 60 of Yamit's newly finished apartments as a temporary absorption centre which will be opened in about a month. He said that it will serve Yamit until a permanent centre can be constructed.

"Yamit is a beautiful city with a bright future," Levy told representatives of residents and new immigrants in the local cultural centre. "It will never be abandoned by the Israel Government, nor will it ever come under Egyptian sovereignty."

Levy's programme also calls for an information campaign, designed to attract potential olim and returning Israelis, which would make Yamit Israel's new target for aliya. His ministry will invest in projects in Yamit which would employ the newcomers, he said.

Officials close to the minister indicated that Levy has the full backing of Prime Minister Menahem Begin and that Jewish Agency aliya department director Uzi Narkiss is also aware of the plans.

Levy asked local residents to stop fighting with the government over their future and to start cooperating with it. "Give us your belief and quiet support and Israel will be able to negotiate an agreement with the Egyptians which will allow the continued existence of Israeli settlements in the area," he said.

Meanwhile, the brisk sale of plots of land continued yesterday as part of the Housing Ministry's "Build your home in Yamit" programme. Fifteen plots were sold in a two-hour period during the morning. A hotel owner from the centre of the country purchased five plots yesterday — one for each member of his family. He said that he wants to build a four-star hotel here, at a IL6m. investment.

Along with the "land rush," local officials have received a number of what they termed "serious proposals" from investors interested in establishing factories. The only details available were that two of the projects would employ some 50 persons together.

Construction continues on a sports complex including a swimming pool, a large auditorium, and a youth club. Work has also started on the town's third stage of development which will provide an additional 350 homes.

Zalmanson asks Begin to act for husband's release

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Silva Zalmanson, on a hunger strike at the Western Wall in sympathy with her husband, Edward Kuznetsov, who is hunger-striking in a Soviet prison, has asked Premier Menahem Begin to act in person to secure the release of her husband. She says Begin's intervention was instrumental in the past and helped bring about her own release.

Silva Zalmanson passed the message to Begin via Shmuel Flatto Sharon MK, who came to visit her at the Wall yesterday.

"The message is written in Russian, which you know well, so I shall pass it on to you without a translation," Flatto wrote Begin.

On Monday, members of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee also visited Zalmanson at the Wall.

Committee chairman Geula Cohen has tabled an urgent motion for the agenda about the campaign for the release of Kuznetsov and the other "Leningrad Trial" prisoners.

Alexander Roisman in Siberia in March 1975 reads a recently acquired Passover Haggada with his sons Leo (left) and Pessah.

Self-taught Hebrew-speaking family granted permission to leave Siberia

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Roisman family, which has become known for its tenacious efforts to teach itself Hebrew in the non-Jewish environment of Siberia, has been granted permission to leave for Israel.

The Roismans have been struggling to leave for the past six years, after the authorities in Novosibirsk turned down the request for an exit permit by the head of the family, Alexander Roisman, on grounds that he had access to state secrets. Roisman, a mechanical engineer, last worked at his profession in a toy factory.

He lost his job when he applied to go to Israel, and has since held a series of menial part-time jobs. He will be coming here with his surgeon wife and two teenage sons, Leo and Paul.

Until 1968 Roisman did not know any Hebrew; but then, with the aid of a tattered Bible and a dictionary, he set himself to the task of translating the Scriptures. After five years, the project was completed and Roisman then set out to do the same with the prayer book and Pessah Haggada.

He was aided by Dr. Ira Hammerman, a Bar-Ilan University biophysicist and an immigrant from the U.S. Hammerman has been corresponding with Roisman since 1972 and has received many letters from Novosibirsk written in impeccable self-taught Hebrew.

Moshav parents can keep pupils at Kiryat Anavim

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Parents from the Ora and Aminadav moshavim outside Jerusalem won a major victory this week when the Education Ministry acceded to their demand to keep 70 moshav children at the Kiryat Anavim regional school.

The ministry had wanted to transfer the pupils to the Ein Karem elementary school, which has a severely disadvantaged student population. The parents had steadfastly refused to agree to this transfer, and demonstrated several times last year at the ministry and at Kiryat Anavim to make their point. On one occasion, police had to be called in to disperse an unruly demonstration.

A ministry committee headed by Prof. Haim Adler this week recommended that the Kiryat Anavim school not only keep the Ora and Aminadav pupils, but also admit enough disadvantaged children from neighbouring moshavim to make up 40 per cent of its student body.

The committee also recommended closing the Ein Karem school next September and dispersing its pupils equitably among other schools.

Kiryat Anavim was originally a school for the kibbutz movement, but today kibbutz children form only 15 per cent of the school population. The rest are from the largely middle-class moshavim in the Jerusalem Hills.

According to the Ora and Aminadav parents, political pressure both from the kibbutz movement and from some local moshavim were brought to bear on the Education Ministry, since no tangible reasons were offered for their children's transfer.

Until this year, their children were studying in near-ideal conditions of 20 per cent disadvantaged to 70 per cent advantaged pupils. The 40-60 ratio which the committee has recommended is generally considered a manageable proportion for previously selective schools which have now accepted the principle of social integration.

Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli seemed pleased with the committee's recommendations, but made a very careful statement.

The problem, he said, must be "handled very delicately, for we have to use persuasion with the kibbutz movement."

He said the public must understand that the kibbutz movement represents only 4 per cent of society," and they are very sensitive about preserving their identity."

Other sources in the ministry noted that the Ihud movement (to which the Jerusalem Hills kibbutzim are affiliated) could retaliate if integration was "forced on them," by leaving the regional school and setting up separate schools inside every kibbutz.

However, although this is technically feasible, it would hardly jibe with the kibbutz movement's professed ideology of social equality.

Shmueli said he is meeting Musaa Harif of the Ihud movement in Tel Aviv this week, as well as moshav representatives. He appeared to believe last night that the problem would be solved "this year," i.e. not before next September.

However, the Ora and Aminadav parents are most unhappy about this, since they moved their 70 first to third graders to a temporary school in Ora pending the results of the committee, which started work last October.

According to the parents, conditions at Ora are very difficult, as the children are studying in a converted club and the moshav wants the building back.

Justice raps prisons, Justice Ministry for failures in prisoner rehabilitation

Strong criticism of the Justice Ministry, the Prisons Service and the associations for the rehabilitation of prisoners was levelled yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar. Justice Shamgar, in a letter sent to Prisons Service chief Gundar Haim Levi, complained about the "unsatisfactory performance of the executive" branch in implementing the 18-month-old decisions of a committee headed by Shamgar which called for extensive improvements in the procedures for rehabilitation of prisoners.

"Imprisonment without simultaneous efforts towards rehabilition does not fulfil the social intent of sending convicts to jail. Justice Shamgar complained in his letter, copies of which were sent to the Ministers of Justice, the Interior and Police and Labour and Social Affairs. Shamgar had previously written to Gundar Levi expressing his "astonishment and sorrow" at the fact that the committee's decisions were not carried out. The committee called for increased coordination between the voluntary associations for the rehabilitation of prisoners, the Prisons Service and the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

Levi, in a reply to Shamgar's previous letter, had said that the committee's "proposals" had been debated in a meeting at the Attorney General's office last February, and that not all the "proposals" had been accepted. Further debate was postponed to a meeting which has not yet convened, he said.

In yesterday's reply to Levi, Shamgar said that the committee had not "proposed recommendations," but set down a code which had been agreed upon "by all the bodies involved ...your (Levi's) letter does not justify the inaction of the various authorities." Shamgar also disagreed with Levi's contention that rehabilitation is not within the province of the Prison Service. He said that as the authority which was directly responsible for executing prison terms, the Prison Service should be the initiator of rehabilitation. (Itim)

Chaim Herzog may take top broadcasting job

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has offered UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog the post of Broadcasting Authority chairman, to replace Walter Eytan, who is retiring.

Ambassador Herzog, who is expected to leave his UN job soon, is considering the offer. Another man who has been mooted for the chairmanship is Prof. Reuven Yaron, director of the National Library at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The entire board of directors and plenary of the Broadcasting Authority will also be replaced in March, when the changes effected by the last Knesset elections shift party representation.

Knesset unit proposes committee of experts to study TV violence

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority's purchase of television thrillers involving crime and violence should be guided by a widely-representative committee of experts appointed by the Minister of Education, which will report back to the minister after a study lasting no more than six months.

This was one of 13 conclusions reached by the Knesset Interior Committee, after considering a motion for the agenda by Yosef Tamir (Likud-Liberals) referred to it from the plenum last July.

The committee of experts, to be appointed immediately, would study "the influence of films depicting crime and violence over Israel TV on the increase in the incidence of crime," the Interior Committee said. The committee would include educators, criminologists, sociologists, and representatives of the police and the public.

The Knesset committee also urged the Minister of Justice to speed up the judicial process in the courts, increase the staff in the public prosecution, examine ways of amending the laws of evidence to help the fight against crime, initiate legislation for stiffer penalties for criminals, and study the introduction of simpler investigative processes.

Hebrew University asked to withdraw recognition from Arab student body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebrew University authorities have not decided how to react to the demand of the Jewish students to cancel university recognition of the Arab students committee.

University President Avraham Harman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that university authorities are "considering the matter." The chairman of the Likud-led Hebrew University Student Union, Beni Kashriel, had said in his letter to Harman that the newly elected leadership of the Arab students committee are opposed to the existence of the State of Israel and do not hesitate to air their views in public.

Kashriel said the letter had been sent following increased dissatisfaction among Jewish students with the 350 members of the Arab students committee. Members of the Likud cells in the university have recently voiced their opposition to the Arab committee, saying its members were openly working against the State, according to Kashriel.

A member of the Arab students committee told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that his committee had been denied official recognition for many years, and there was no point in withdrawing a non-existent status. The "pure provocation" by the Likud student leadership could, however, deny these students several facilities such as meeting halls for political and cultural events, according to a member of the more moderate Arab student leadership of last year.

Fraud suspect admits forging Rabin's signature on false citation of valour

HAIFA (Itim). — A fraud suspect admitted in Magistrate's Court here yesterday that he had forged former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's signature on a bogus citation of valour to facilitate passing bad cheques for tens of thousands of pounds.

David Prozel, 28, of no fixed address, also admitted posing as a fighter pilot and as a secret service agent in passing the illegal cheques in banks throughout the country over the past two years. He told the court that the police allegations were all correct and that he wished "to return all I have obtained by fraud."

Prozel asked that he undergo psychiatric examination "to improve my mental condition and receive treatment." He did not object when Judge Haim Pizam ordered him remanded in police custody for 15 days, during which time he is to be given psychiatric tests.

The police allegedly found a miniature tape recorder in Prozel's possession. They surmise that he used the machine to record messages calling him to secret rendezvous, which he would play back in front of bank clerks or merchants to substantiate his claim to be working for the secret service.

The police told the court that Prozel is wanted by police stations throughout the country and has been declared a fugitive from justice for failing to respond to several warrants.

15% of Tel Aviv postmen are sick

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Communications and Transport yesterday denied a newspaper report that delays in mail delivery in Tel Aviv are caused by the absence of "80 per cent" of that city's letter-carrier force due to the influenza.

"There's no denying that the situation is pretty bad," said Zecharya Mizrotzky, the ministry's press officer. "But to be precise, only 15 per cent of the carriers have called in sick. We are trying to deliver the backlog of letters. But substitute carriers cannot do the job as swiftly as the regulars because so many Israelis fail to put their names on their mailboxes. Only the regular routeman can cope."

According to Mizrotzky, the situation is even worse in Herzliya, where 15 out of the district's 25 regular letter carriers are down with flu.

'Large' children's accounts to be linked to index

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Savings Authority in the Ministry of Finance will instruct banks shortly to transfer deposits from children's savings plans to regular linked savings accounts when the amount in the child's account is "large."

Moshe Sagi, director of the Savings Authority, announced this in a letter received by the Histadrut Consumer Authority yesterday.

The Consumer Authority had complained that money deposited in children's savings accounts got only about 4 per cent interest a year, without linkage to the index. The consumer organization demanded linked accounts for young people whose savings exceeded IL500.

In his letter, Sagi did not say what amount of savings will entitle the depositor to have his money transferred to a linked account.

Police recapture joy-ride suspect

ASHKELON (Itim). — Police have recaptured one of two young local car-theft suspects who escaped from the yard of police headquarters here earlier on Sunday.

The suspect, aged 17, was found at 8 p.m. among a group of Beduin squatters in a grove near here, and offered no resistance, police said. His companion, also 17, was still being sought late last night.

The two who had escaped through a hole in the police-headquarters fence, were among 25 suspects rounded up during the past two months and ordered held until the end of proceedings against them. All are suspected of belonging to a gang that stole cars to go on wild joy rides.

One of the two escapees is said to have fired at police and civilians from the stolen cars he was racing in.

Egged-Dan bus war expands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — The Egged-Dan bus companies' war over controversial bus lines in Holon and Bat Yam escalated yesterday when Dan banned Egged buses from its Bat Yam parking area, while Egged informed its rival that it could no longer avail itself of services in Egged repair shops.

Meanwhile, Egged yesterday protested against the statement by the controller of road transport to the effect that the controversial bus lines in Holon and Bat Yam legally belong to the Dan cooperative.

The two bus companies have been waging a battle over the No. 1 and 2 lines from Holon to North Tel Aviv and the 42 and 44 lines in Bat Yam. Passengers yesterday continued to enjoy the competition, which resulted in an unprecedented number of buses plying the routes; and policemen continued to issue summonses to Egged drivers working on the controversial lines.

THE USIS cultural centre library in Rehov Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem will be open Sunday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with reference and resource services available on those days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Fridays the library will be open from 8 a.m. till noon.

ALITALIA. — A 16-hour strike by cabin personnel yesterday halted all domestic and international flights of the state-owned Alitalia airlines at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport. The strike was called to protest disciplinary measures taken by the Alitalia management against cabin personnel after last week's refusal by stewards and stewardesses to fly, on the grounds that the management was not fulfilling labour contracts.

Zionist information campaign begins

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Zionist information month began yesterday by the Government Information Centre and the Israel Zionist Council, to stimulate consciousness among the local population about the upcoming 29th Zionist Congress.

The effort will include seminars for teachers, the publication of texts for schools, a film, posters for youth, and assemblies in 20 towns, Yehuda Ilan of the Information Centre and Arye Zimuki of the Zionist Council told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the next meeting of the Jewish Agency-government coordinating body on aliya and absorption will take place on January 30.

Israel's first Grand Prix tourney in tennis slated for later this year

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — The country's first Grand Prix tennis championships will take place at the Israel Tennis Centre here later this year.

October is the most likely time for the week-long tournament, which will be part of the Colgate 1978 Grand Prix circuit of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and will be worth $25,000 in prize money.

The agreement to stage the meet was concluded between association chairman Bob Briner and Ian Froman, executive director of the Tennis Centre.

Froman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the ATP would help sponsor the championships — understood to be an unprecedented gesture — and it has undertaken to put up $15,000 of the prize money.

Thirty overseas players and two local racquets will participate in the "men-only" meet, tentatively scheduled to take place between Grand Prix championships in Teheran and Johannesburg. It is hoped that the entry will include several world-class players, said Froman.

American Jimmy Connors on Monday won the ATP's 1977 eighth annual Grand Prix masters tournament at Madison Square Garden, New York, edging out his great rival Bjorn Borg of Sweden, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in the final of the $400,000 meet. For Connors, this was sweet revenge for his defeat by the Swede in last year's Wimbledon final.

The losing semi-finalists in the five-day, round-robin event were the American Brian Gottfried and Argentina's Guillermo Vilas. The other competitors in the masters were defending champion Manuel Orantes of Spain, Mexican Raul Ramirez, Roscoe Tanner and Eddie Dibbs, both of the U.S., and Vilas.

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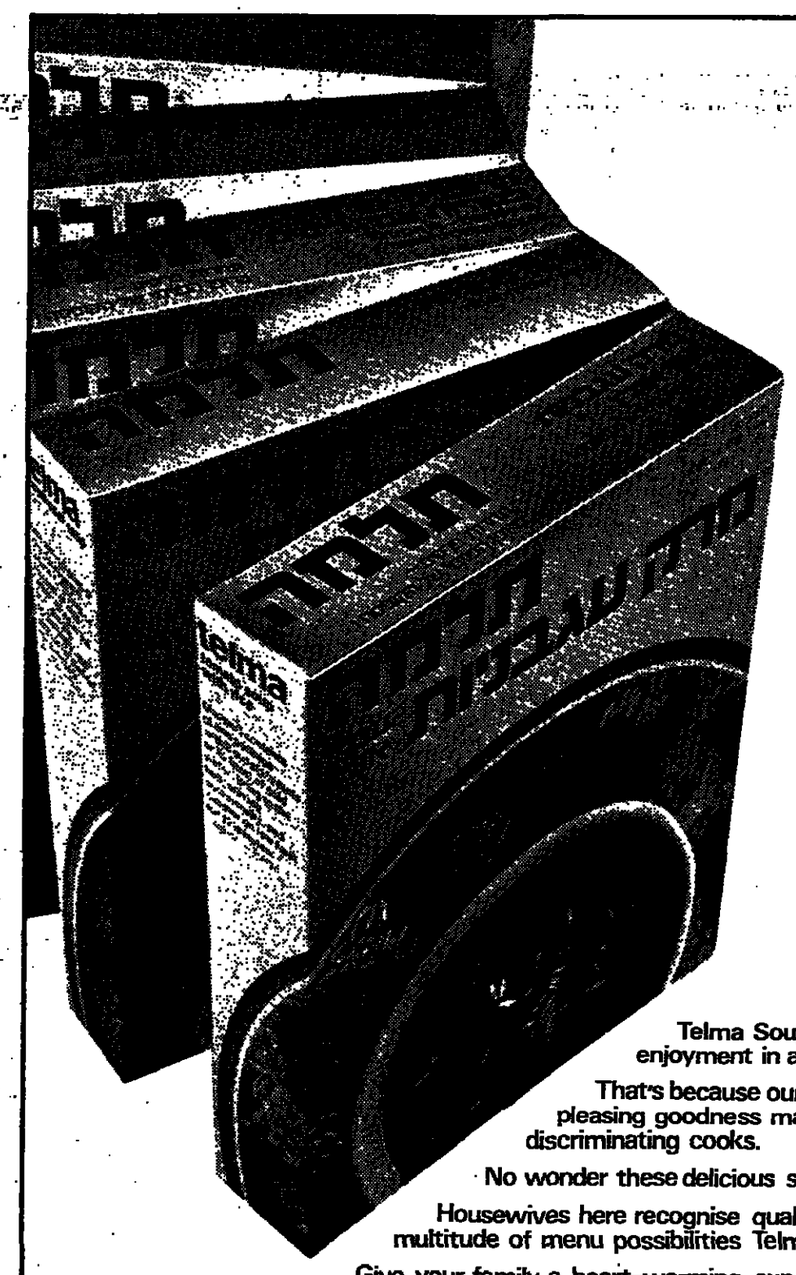

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Neo-Fascists threaten Italy's top Communist

ROME (UPI). — Right-wing terrorists yesterday threatened to assassinate Italian Communist Party secretary-general Enrico Berlinguer in revenge for the recent deaths of three neo-Fascist youths.

The warning came as police stepped up security precautions in and around the capital in an effort to contain Italy's bloodiest wave of political violence in a year.

Nearly 2,000 police reinforcements were called into the capital to man roadblocks and stand guard in front of schools and party offices after the killing of two rightist youths on Saturday sparked a hit-and-run reign of terror by vengeance-seeking neo-Fascist youths.

A third young rightist, shot in the head in a gun battle with police, died on Monday, raising Italy's political death toll in the new year to four.

But beefed-up police security did little to halt attacks by both left- and right-wing gangs throughout most of Italy, and at least five bombings were reported in the nation during the early hours of the day.

"Last Saturday, three of our brothers fell," an anonymous caller told the Palermo office of "L'Unita," the Communist Party daily. "So next Saturday Berlinguer and others will fall — no amount of police protection can save them."

Two of the dead youths, all members of the Italian Social Movement (MSI) which was founded by collaborators of the late Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, were killed by left-wing commandos who stormed their party office on Saturday night with guns blazing.

In yesterday's violence, a bomb exploded outside the home of the security chief of O.M., a truck-producing branch of the giant Fiat automobile company. No one was injured in the blast, which shattered windows and blew out a door.

A group called United Communist Combatants claimed responsibility for the bombing which they said was aimed at the "capitalists' guard dog."

Last week, a security officer for Fiat was killed and another wounded by terrorists in the central town of Cassino. Molotov cocktails caused severe damage to offices of the Christian Democratic Party in both Pescara and Trieste, and arsonists set fire to a Social Party office in Milan.

In Sardinia, bombers attacked the home of the mayor of Luras and destroyed three cars in his garage.

In Rome, police officials issued a ban on all demonstrations in the capital.

Crew of the spaceship "Soyuz-27" — commander V. Janibekov (L) and flight engineer O. Makarov seen prior to the start of their voyage into space. (UPI telephoto)

Bonn c'tee begins spy case hearings

BONN (UPI). — The parliamentary defence committee yesterday began a secret hearing on the betrayal of West Germany's long-term military and mobilization plans to Communist East Germany.

But the hearing started badly, with several of the persons the committee chairman tried to subpoena refusing or being forbidden by their superiors to appear.

The hearing began with a statement by federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann, in charge of preparing the case against Renate Lutze, Lothar-Erwin Lutze and Juergen Wiegel, the three alleged spies in jail since their discovery in June 1976.

But the prosecutor stressed that he was appearing not as a witness, but only for "a conversation" with the committee.

Members of the committee assumed this meant Rebmann would warn them to avoid infringing on his own preparation of the legal case against the alleged spies.

Committee chairman Manfred Woerner also asked NATO Secretary-General Josef Luns to testify personally and to permit other NATO officers to be cross-examined by the committee. But Luns apparently ignored both requests.

U.S. General Alexander Haig, supreme Allied commander in Europe, said of the spy case in an interview last week, "Naturally, I am appalled by what happened; but it does not have the magnitude that some circles have given to the affair."

But an analysis by the Defence Ministry of the secrets the three allegedly betrayed to East Germany listed documents outlining immediate and long-term armed forces planning, the armed forces mobilization, a study of the weak points revealed in a 1975 NATO command exercise, and the Defence Ministry's estimate of the East German and Warsaw Pact military posture.

E. Berlin closes office of 'Der Spiegel' after manifesto

BERLIN (AP). — Communist authorities closed the East Berlin office of West Germany's "Der Spiegel" news magazine yesterday in retaliation for its publication of an East German dissident manifesto, the magazine announced.

Karlheinz Vater, the magazine's correspondent barred from East Berlin because of the manifesto, said the East German Foreign Ministry announced the closure in a telex message to the Hamburg editorial headquarters.

The East Berlin office was unoccupied at the time it was shut down, Vater told reporters in West Berlin.

East Germany has accused "Der Spiegel" and West German government agents of forging the manifesto to disrupt relations between the two Germanys. The declaration, printed in the magazine's last two issues, is bitterly critical of Soviet influence in East Germany and of corruption in the country's Communist hierarchy.

"Der Spiegel" said the manifesto was written by a group of middle- and high-level functionaries in the East German Communist Party who have secretly formed the first organized opposition movement against the regime.

"Der Spiegel" this week published the second half of the scathing attack on the East German regime. The first half, published last week, reportedly enraged the East German leadership.

East Germany claims Bonn agents forged the manifesto to disturb coexistence and retaliated by barring the "Spiegel" correspondent.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government insisted it had had nothing to do with the manifesto and rejected an East German protest on Monday against the publication. It also played down its importance to avoid disrupting talks to ease curbs on travel by West Germans in East Germany.

"No German ruling class has been more parasitical and secured itself from the people (more) than the two dozen families who have made our country into their own self-service store," the manifesto says.

With its network of secret police and absence of democracy, East Germany is a copy of a "Soviet repnblic in which the negative aspects are made coarser by German thoroughness," the dissidents claim in the second instalment.

German couple tried in Warsaw as spies

WARSAW (Reuter). — A West German couple have gone on trial before a polish military court charged with espionage, a West German embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the Warsaw military court began the hearing yesterday against Margareta and Herbert Preiss, from Cologne. Both are believed to be in their 50s. They were arrested last April, the spokesman said.

The last known espionage case here involving a foreigner was about 10 weeks ago, when Stanislaw Miskowiec, a West Berliner and former Polish citizen, was sentenced to 11 years in jail by a naval court at Gdynia for spying for several NATO countries.

Japan ends delicate Moscow talks

MOSCOW (UPI). — Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday wrapped up two days of talks on the sensitive relations between their countries.

Sonoda and Gromyko devoted attention to the upcoming signing of a Peking-Tokyo peace treaty, parts of which have been denounced by Moscow as anti-Soviet. Prior to Sonoda's arrival here on Sunday, the Soviet press pointed out that the signing of a Soviet-Japanese peace treaty has been long delayed by wrangling over the ownership of the Kurile Islands off northern Japan.

The Soviets seized the four islands off Hokkaido at the end of World War II and have steadfastly refused to negotiate their return.

Sonoda called on Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin late yesterday to deliver a letter from Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda.

He had originally been scheduled to call on Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, but Japanese sources said the 71-year-old Soviet leader was apparently still suffering complications from influenza or a cold which have sidelined him for the past month.

Brezhnev was, however, well enough to turn up for a performance of Moscow's Old Circus on Friday, according to circus officials. His inability to meet Sonoda yesterday could indicate that the Soviet president suffered a relapse.

White Swapo man held in S.W. Africa

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (UPI). — Police have detained Peter Manning, a white member of the Namibian nationalist movement Swapo, the head of the territory's security force said yesterday.

Manning, 31, was detained on Monday in terms of section six of the terrorism act which allows police detention indefinitely and incommunicado. No reasons were given for the detention.

Rebel Soviet art for export

MOSCOW (UPI). — An American husband-and-wife team of art dealers yesterday completed a shopping trip in which they won official approval to export works by nonconformist painters once forcibly barred from exhibiting in the Soviet Union.

Jonathan and Elena Kornetchuk Showe said they signed a two-year contract with the government's Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga foreign trade agency giving them "total choice" of Soviet art.

Mrs. Showe, 29, a Russian-speaking art historian, said she believed the Russian Images Ltd. Gallery they plan to open this winter in Pittsburgh's Bank Centre will be the world's first devoted exclusively to contemporary Soviet art.

Some of the works are of those artists who became targets of official repression following then premier Nikita Khrushchev's pronouncement in 1962 that abstract art looks as if it were "daubed with the tail of an ass." One of them, Vladimir Nemukhin, an abstractionist whose work hangs in New York's Museum of Modern Art, was among 20 painters taking part in an open-air exhibition in Moscow in September 1974 that was broken up by bulldozers and water cannon.

Since that low point, they have gradually been allowed an increasing amount of freedom to exhibit their work.

Giant icicles slay shivering Muscovite

MOSCOW (UPI). — A break in Moscow's bitter winter cold has brought a treacherous plague to the city's streets — giant plummeting icicles that have caused at least one death.

Recent press reports indicated Monday that officials and citizens alike are worried about the problem, accentuated by the height of the massive apartment buildings that line city streets.

The icicles have been created by repeated thaws and cold snaps that have allowed them to build into huge heavy missiles that come plummeting down with a crash.

One Moscow newspaper reported over the weekend that one of the giant icicles came crashing down on a passerby in the central area of the city, causing serious head injuries that led to his death.

The newspapers are blaming the problem on public officials who run the apartment complexes — claiming they are not taking the matter of the plummeting icicles seriously.

The icicles form on the metal grating of small balconies that jut out from almost every apartment.

In some areas of the city, authorities have taken temporary precautions, placing blockades across sidewalks.

But that often forces pedestrians to climb over small mountains of snow that have accumulated along the less-travelled city streets. And in choosing between the risk of being plastered by plummeting icicles and climbing over the snow, pedestrians are opting for dry warm feet and risking the danger.

"Sometimes, one feels fear when passing these buildings, but Muscovites are always in a rush, some to work and some to get home," the newspaper "Mosrovsky Komsomolets" said.

"Besides, they sometimes think that Providence will protect them from an icy avalanche over their heads."

Six killed in anti-reform riot in Iran

TEHERAN (AP). — Six persons were killed and nine were injured on Monday in what was described as a clash between police and anti-reform Moslems in the town of Qum, the Iranian Pars news agency reported.

According to Pars, a group of fanatics staged demonstrations on Monday against the emancipation of women and land reform. The demonstration turned into a window-smashing disturbance. And as the demonstrators advanced towards the police station, they clashed with police, Pars said.

Five people were shot in the ensuing gunbattle, and a 13-year-old boy was killed in a stampede, Pars said.

Persian clergymen too have been demonstrating recently against the Shah's land reform, which leases shrine property to farmers on a 99-year basis and thus deprives the clergy — who formerly held the property — of income from the land.

A donkey of a different colour

TEHERAN (UPI). — Thieves stole Musht Ja'afar's white donkey, dyed it black and sold it back to him, the "Teheran Journal" said yesterday.

After fruitless attempts at tracing the lost donkey, the report said, Ja'afar, who lives in Shahr e-Kord in southwest Iran, went to the local cattle market where he bought a black donkey.

All was well, after a fashion, until Ja'afar and the donkey were caught in a heavy downpour.

"The donkey turned white and Ja'afar red," the newspaper said.

Lisbon to permit PLO office

LISBON (AP). — The Portuguese government is prepared to allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to open an office in Lisbon, a Foreign Ministry official confirmed yesterday.

The official said the government would meet a PLO delegation to discuss the move.

Monzer al-Dayiani, a PLO diplomat based in Madrid, told the national news agency ANOP the delegation would arrive "shortly." "We haven't contacted the Portuguese for some time because of their present political impasse, but we are prepared to go to Lisbon as soon as a new government is formed," he said.

Portugal has been under pressure from the Arabs since agreeing to raise its diplomatic relations with Israel to the ambassadorial level a year ago.

Because of this pressure, Portugal has still not opened an embassy in Tel Aviv, although Israel has assigned an ambassador to Lisbon. (AP, UPI)

Paris-based squad may have killed PLO man

PARIS (Reuter). — The French secret service believes the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Britain, Said Hammami, was killed last week by a member of an Iraqi-supported assassination squad based in Paris, the newspaper "France-Soir" said yesterday.

"France-Soir" said the secret service has increased its protection of persons who they believe are on the squad's death list.

The mass-circulation daily said Hammami was the victim of an internal struggle between Palestinian groups.

Rhodesia blacks kill six persons on white farms

SALISBURY. — Black guerrillas have shot dead six whites, among them a 74-year-old grandmother and three teenagers, in attacks on white farms in the past three days, the military command said yesterday.

In the latest guerrilla action, on Monday, three members of the Brakenridge family and a young friend were killed on the family's farm at Hartley, about 100 km. southwest of Salisbury.

At the weekend, Sheila Cummings, 44, and her daughter Sarah were shot to death by black insurgents on their farm at Norton, 40 km. southwest of the capital on the road to Hartley.

Last Wednesday guerrillas killed three black soldiers and a black civilian in a beerhall shooting in the town.

The attacks on white farms near Salisbury appear to be an attempt by Robert Mugabe's Mozambique-based guerrilla forces to emphasize to Premier Ian Smith that any internal settlement which excludes him and Joshua Nkomo, with whom he jointly heads the militant Patriotic Front, will not end the bloody five-year-old war.

The military command said an intensive search was under way for the Hartley farm killers. The dead were Sheila Brakenridge, 74; her son Benjamin, 35; her grandson Bruce and a friend, Alan Harris, both aged 15.

The deaths bring to 1,434 the number of civilians killed in the conflict inside Rhodesia, including 125 whites, since the war to end white rule began in December 1972.

Total deaths in the war, including those killed by Rhodesian raids into neighbouring Mozambique, Zambia and Botswana, total some 8,500.

Later, the Rhodesian military command reported the deaths in the guerrilla war of 13 more persons. They were eight black civilians and one black security man murdered by guerrillas, and four guerrillas slain by security forces. (UPI, AP)

Shcharansky trial seen drawing near

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet authorities have given the family of imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky until this Friday to name an officially acceptable defence lawyer.

Developments revealed by Shcharansky's family seem to indicate that the 29-year-old Jewish dissident mathematician's trial on charges of treason and espionage may be drawing near.

Shcharansky's mother, Ida Milgrom, revealed in a letter addressed to Soviet prosecutor-general Roman Rudenko and circulated among western journalists that the family had been given until Friday to choose an acceptable defence lawyer or the KGB (secret police) would select its own man.

Shcharansky, who was arrested in March of 1977 and has been held incommunicado in Moscow's Lefortovo prison ever since, has been accused of treason and espionage and could face a maximum sentence of death under Soviet law.

Mrs. Milgrom, in her letter of complaint to the chief Soviet legal officer, said Shcharansky's family had approached more than 20 Soviet attorneys asking them to defend him in any trial.

"Advocate Kaminskaya had agreed to defend my son, but she was dismissed from the board of lawyers within a few days on the pretext that she had reached pension age," Mrs. Milgrom wrote Rudenko.

"The rest of the lawyers we contacted either refused under various pretexts or stated that this case is not judicial but political and that if they help Shcharansky they will lose their jobs," Mrs. Milgrom added.

Gaullists rap Mitterrand for meeting Carter

PARIS (AP). — French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud yesterday criticized the meeting here last week between President Carter and Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand.

The attack followed closely on new criticism of Carter by Gaullist leaders for "mixing in" French domestic politics.

In comments to journalists on leaving a cabinet meeting, de Guiringaud directed his attack at Mitterrand, saying he "asked to see a foreign head of state passing through Paris when he does not even go to the Elysee Palace" to meet President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. "And furthermore, he discusses domestic politics with a foreign head of state," said de Guiringaud.

"The French people can make a judgment," he commented.

Mitterrand has denied reports which cited White House sources that Carter expressed concern to him that the Socialists might patch up their split with the Communists in time for the national elections next March.

Talks resume on ban of chemical weapons

GENEVA (UPI). — The U.S. and Soviet Union resumed negotiations yesterday on a treaty banning chemical weapons. The bilateral talks, held within the framework of the 30-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference, began in August 1976.

Both sides hope to reach agreement on a joint draft text to present to the overall disarmament conference.

While general agreement has been reached on prohibiting the most lethal chemical weapons, officials said, negotiators face a complicated task in dealing with chemicals that can be used for peaceful, commercial purposes as well as for weapons.

Bomb blasts gut toy warehouse in Belfast

BELFAST, (UPI). — Two bombs exploded in a downtown toy warehouse yesterday, triggering a blaze which gutted the building and destroyed thousands of pounds worth of toys.

Police said two armed youths held up the staff of the Frederick Thomas toy factory, set the bombs and then fled in a waiting car.

No one was injured, as the staff had time to escape.

Czech cardinal promoted to primate

VATICAN CITY (Reuter). — Pope Paul yesterday promoted Czechoslovakia's leading Roman Catholic, Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, to be primate of his country in a move that marked improved relations between the Vatican and the Czechoslovak Communist rulers.

Czechoslovakia has been without a primate since Archbishop Josef Beran, one of thousands of Roman Catholics imprisoned in the early 1950s, died in 1969. He was in exile in Rome.

Cardinal Tomasek, who was made a cardinal only last year and now becomes archbishop of Prague, has been an apostolic administrator until now.

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4. To elect Directors.
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Queries on a crown

By CHARLES FENYVESI

WASHINGTON. — The first question: Why should Janos Kadar — a dedicated, self-effacing *apparatchick* raised in the Communist movement — desire and desire fervently the Crown of St. Stephen, a sacred relic of the Catholic Church and the token of Hungary's submission to the Church of Rome?

I don't have the answer; I am not sure that Kadar does.

The lawyer's answer — he is after legitimacy — cannot be the full explanation. Does Kadar — who has been in power for 21 years and earned the respect, even the admiration of his fellow countrymen against all odds — need the mystical-magical symbol of medieval Hungarian monarchy to prove that he is legitimate? In the rational 20th century? In Marxist-Leninist Eastern Europe?

The political scientist's answer — by getting the crown back from the Americans, Kadar succeeds where his predecessors failed — is equally unconvincing. Does his regime need such a boost? And if it does, will Hungarians look at it more favourably or with greater awe just because Kadar retrieved the crown from the vaults of Fort Knox?

The economist's answer — Hungary's economy sorely needs U.S. technology and credits — seems to ignore the fact that Hungary can receive most-favoured-nation favours without the crown. Curiously enough, Kadar has been more intent on securing the crown than MFN status.

WHICH BRINGS me to the second question: what does the crown mean to Hungarians whose most articulate representatives proudly declare themselves beyond nationalism and beyond anti-communism, and whose society is frankly materialistic?

It is with a cynic's glee that even unsophisticated Hungarians disclose the national secret that everyone knows: St. Stephen's Crown is not St. Stephen's Crown. The original crown, sent to King Stephen by Pope Sylvester II in 1001, was thoroughly modernized in the 12th century by Byzantine goldsmiths. Or, equally likely, it was stolen and probably broken up (parts of it perhaps melted down because there was little respect for antiques in the 12th century) following a robbers' attack on a Hungarian princess returning the crown from Prague where she had fled to safeguard the crown for her infant son.

The crown entrusted to American troops in Austria at the end of World War II, is, in all probability, a jewel hastily crafted together in 1270 for the coronation of Stephen V, a lateral descendent of St. Stephen's, out of pieces found in the Royal Treasury, some of which might well have dated back to St. Stephen's reign.

There are many Hungarians who remember that in 1918, at the last coronation, Charles IV had a head too small — a limited Habsburg head, inside and out — for the crown, and as he made his appointed rounds on Castle Hill in Buda, riding a white horse suitably drugged for the occasion, the crown kept slipping backward and forward. And when the poor king made his horse rear up and he swung his sword in the air in the required four directions to signal that he would defend the country against all enemies, the crown very nearly fell off. A bad omen, Hungarians whispered, and the next day the entire country knew of it. Within two years, the monarchy lost the war and Charles lost his throne.

IN THE PAST two months, as the Carter administration lurched through the process of announcing its decision to return the crown, passions were aroused among Hungarian-Americans. The majority disapproved of the timing and the circumstances of the decision, and leaders of the community voiced their staunch opposition to the decision itself. In Hungary, I am told, people are looking forward to seeing the crown.

I also heard Hungarians declare that "the crown doesn't really matter," and then plunge into a debate that lasted, on one occasion my wife remembers well, until 2 a.m.

The puzzling fact is that the crown matters. It's not the equivalent of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, nor can it be compared to the hair from Mohammed's beard kept by Indian Moslems. The relic is too demonstrably not St. Stephen's, and besides, Hungarians are a resolutely non-mystical crowd.

The crown does have a power to focus and to unleash strong sentiments: a gut veneration for the glory of the Hungarian past, a confirmation of national continuity as well as a gnawing conclusion that despite all the liberalization it has achieved, the Kadar regime is alien to Hungarian tradition and does not entirely deserve the crown. Then there is a peculiar possessiveness about what is more than a national treasure because as the potent legal fiction of the Middle Ages defined it, the crown owns the country (including, incidentally, territories which nowadays belong to Czechoslovakia, the USSR, Rumania and Yugoslavia) and its inhabitants owe allegiance to the crown, not the king.

THE THIRD question: What's a Hungarian crown to Jimmy Carter — or to his national security advisor, a professor born in a country north of Hungary and conversant with the ruling passion of nationalism in both lands?

One can be flippant and say, as many Carter-watchers suggest, that the president, the tough corporate manager type he is, decided one day that the time has come to be rid of an issue that has been lying in the presidential in-box 30-odd years, and he told the specialists to work out the details.

The other and more Byzantine theory is that the crown's repatriation, besides resolving a sticky issue between Washington and Budapest, is calculated to encourage Hungarian nationalism, which, in turn, can only loosen the ties that bind Hungary to the Kremlin.

There are other considerations that might well have been checked off in position papers. The U.S. is rewarding Hungary for its records as the least unenlightened East European state with regard to human rights. The ceremonial return and the presence of the secretary of state — and probably the First Lady as well — in the delegation will give a boost to the emerging special relationship between Washington and Budapest which, among other things, eclipses the Washington-Bucharest lineup established during the days of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger.

The return of the crown may signal the end of the doctrine named after Kissinger's assistant, Helmut Sonnenfeldt, according to which the U.S. should discourage East European nationalisms and encourage those states to develop "organic relationships" with the Russians so that the Russians feel less insecure.

Boredom, tiredness and motherhood

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

WHEN an executive who takes pride in his position and must be constantly self-evaluating (before someone does it for him) shows signs of strain, he takes a vacation or promotes an assistant to share the work load.

A worker driven too hard says, "Enough, I can do no more," and his boss hires an additional employee. It is taken for granted that everyone who works sometimes gets tired, and tired means being less productive.

Only a mother who does not work outside the home ("Do you work?" "No, I'm just a housewife.") is on duty for long hours and night shifts and is expected to remain cool, competent, and smiling. What is more, she expects this of herself. She has an idealized image of what an intelligent, competent mother acts like and tries to live up to it.

The woman this column is about is a mother by choice — her pregnancies were timed. If she had a career, she has (by choice) put it aside to devote all of her time and attention to rearing her children and running her home. Why then, say some eight years and three children later, does she feel that there is a gap between her expectations of herself and her performance?

When her children are disobedient and demanding, her nerves may be raw from lack of sleep (the three-year-old had an ear-ache last night). She screams and hollers at them all day, and she suffers twice — once from overwork and again from self-criticism. Once things do not go smoothly, her tension increases and the kids act worse and she becomes more nervous... The well-known vicious circle is in full operation.

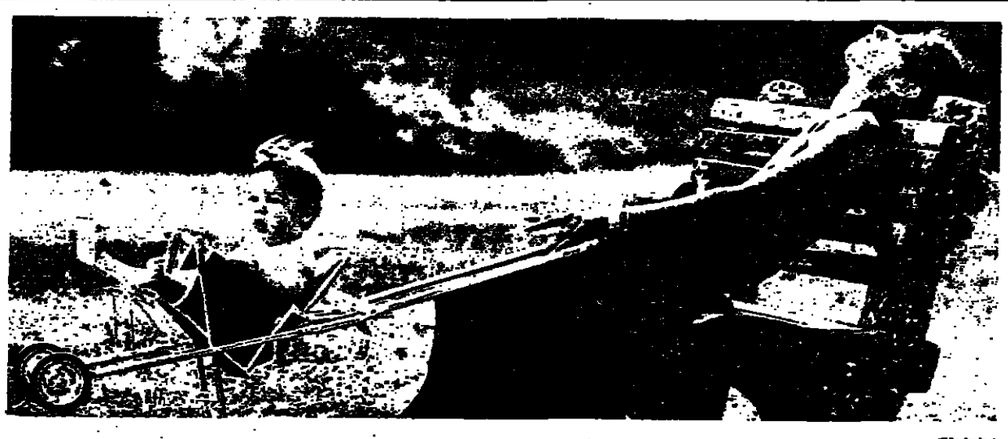
Like any other professional, this woman is devoted to her job and takes great pride in doing it well. But unlike paid pros, she has internalized the myth that she is unemployed. Since she's not "working," her time and fatigue level don't seem important. Since she's not in charge of a production or a programme, she doesn't periodically stop and evaluate what she's doing. (Feeling guilty after slapping a child is NOT evaluation.)

Cold-blooded, objective criticism is difficult when the object is one's personal performance, but it can be learned. And it pays dividends.

Example: A mother of modest intelligence and self-expectations scolds or spanks her misbehaving child with no compunction. The kid was rotten — the kid got slapped — end of story. The mother who knows that there are better ways to shape behaviour dislikes raising her voice and abhors physical punishment. When she loses control and slaps her child, she feels so ashamed and guilty that she may be tempted to overreact and let the child get away with equally rotten behaviour less than ten minutes later.

Neither she nor the child will benefit from this. Should another person attempt to correct or criticize this mother's action, it would probably be of little value. But if she spends a few minutes examining the situation, she herself will be able to answer the two important questions: Why did it happen in the first place, and if it happens again, how should I react?

MOTHERS of young children frequently admit to feeling tired. But it is a far more difficult fact for them to face that boredom contributes to being tired, or that they resent being at everyone's beck and call, thereby having no time for any recreational activity to relieve the boredom. Another person can see at a glance that they are using their time inefficiently and that a reorganization of the daily schedule is in order. But no one can schedule another person's life: that is why self-evaluation is so important. I can suggest that mother study her time schedule, but only she can change it.



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Example: The bright, devoted mother knows the importance of good nutrition. She also knows that her children need after-school athletic and social activities. She plans well-balanced meals, and then (so as not to interfere with their activity schedule) proceeds to serve each member of her family at HIS convenience. This procedure, so typical in many Israeli homes, is a waste of time and energy and encourages the children to expect services to which they are not entitled. The message the child gets is: "I'm a V.I.P. My schedule deserves precedence over Mother's convenience."

A little objective consideration would convince Mother that if she served dinner only once, the savings of her time and energy would be considerable. Fix the dinner hour to accommodate the FAMILY: let the individuals work out their own schedules. Food ingested at 18:32 has exactly the same nutritive value as that eaten at 16:27, and a youngster old enough to miss a meal occasionally to partake in some other activity is old enough to fend for (and clean up after) himself. The festivity of a family meal will ensure the children's cooperation.

Mothering, as a full-time occupation, has one goal common to every mother, but daily demands and procedures vary from family to family. If the common goal is to rear healthy, comfortable children, then the first requirement is a healthy, comfortable mother. A mother who feels as though she is operating on nerves alone — who is chronically short-tempered and overtired — needs help. Most of the time talking with Father is not a great help, he can help on Saturdays and evenings, but that is not usually the problem. Besides, suggestions or criticisms from him would be no more welcome than those coming from one's mother-in-law. Usually a single consultation with a counsellor would be sufficient to get Mother thinking along the lines of self-help.

In general terms the following suggestions might be helpful:

- Schedule daily and weekly household tasks so that your total time is allocated into six equal daily portions. Include ALL of your activities (cooking, shopping, laundry, etc.) except time spent with the children.
- Every employee in the world is entitled to a coffee break. Take yours in the living-room — on a comfortable chair with your feet up. Whether you call it coffee-break or rest-hour is immaterial, but you must rest. When one works from six in the morning until the youngest is bedded down for the night, a rest is not a luxury or a sign of weakness. If your children are young, rest when they do. If they are old enough not to rest, then they are old enough not to disturb yours.
- Schedule a regular baby-sitter as part of your family budget. Getting out of the house in the company of your husband and/or friends is necessary recreation. If your children are little and cry at being left with a baby-sitter, never mind. Children will adjust quickly and will not suffer from the experience. If you have children old enough to be left alone or to baby-sit for the little one, then one evening a week is not a cruel imposition. They won't suffer from the experience either.
- If you have grandparents available, then by all means foster the kind of relationship between your parents and your children that will make it possible for you to take a weekend without the kids. If there are no grandparents and you can't afford to hire this kind of service, then cultivate a friend or neighbour and exchange.

Above all, don't ever think of yourself as being unemployed, because you are not. And remember that image of the calm, competent mother? Just because you may slip a little once in a while is no reason to abandon that image. It is a state well-worth striving for.

'Tale that haunts the imagination'

By KEVIN KLOSE
Washington Post News Service

KIEV. — He was an old man with a seamed face and the compact, hardened body of a labourer. We met him in a chance encounter at a hallowed place — the immense, brooding sculpture marking the spot where more than 100,000 Jews and Ukrainians were slaughtered at Babi Yar.

I had been here before to do an article and came back recently solely to accompany a fellow correspondent who didn't know the way. I had no thought of doing another piece until the man began telling us a tale of terror and death, safety in false identities and flight across war-torn Eastern Europe.

His hands carving and chopping the night-time air, we listened spellbound to the words of a man who had been an eyewitness to the executions at Babi Yar. It was a story that haunts the imagination.

The man — we will call him Sergei because he fears reprisals even now — was a 24-year-old machinist when the Germans swept through the Ukraine and took Kiev in the fall of 1941. He and his family — parents and several siblings — lived in a small town south of Kiev.

"My boss was a Ukrainian, and when the Germans came, he became the collaborationist head of the village Soviet. The Nazis used him. He talked to me and wanted to help me. Jews were being rounded up and I am a Jew. So he gave me false identification papers with a Ukrainian name, and I was safe."

The same was not true for Sergei's family. They were executed by the Germans within a few weeks and buried with others in a mass grave near the village. Sergei went to Kiev where his aunt and uncle and their family lived. But soon, the aunt and uncle, unprotected by any false identification papers, were rounded up and herded, with many thousands of others, into the "Lager" prison camp, at the head of the ravine at Babi Yar.

The old man pointed out the area where the Lager had been, now a series of newly-built apartment blocks. "Here is where the Jews were made to take off their clothes," he said, sweeping his hand across the small parking area. "Then they were marched to the ravine."

He pointed off toward the brooding sculpture, which sits on a huge pedestal within the present, landscaped remnant of the ravine. He told of hearing the cries and screams of anguish and the rattle of machinegun fire as the victims were killed. He fled the area, and soon was seized by the Germans who mistook him for a Ukrainian. He was sent to Germany to work as a slave labourer in a munitions factory.

He spent a year and a half there and then escaped, making his way back eastward to home. He arrived in 1943, about the time the Soviet Army finally was dislodging the Wermacht from Kiev.

The collaborationist village chief was executed by the Red Army. Sergei found a job and learned more of what had happened to others.

He recounted hearing of how the Germans crowded 7,000 Jews into a mineshaft in Poltava, then sealed them in to die. "It was horrible, a terrible death," he said, his eyes glowing with tears.

After the war, Sergei married and raised a family of his own — a daughter and son — who in the past few years have themselves emigrated to Israel.

And the Germans remain Fascists, he believes, unreformed from their wartime days. He visits Babi Yar frequently. "My aunt and uncle are here and others as well, I'm sure," he said.

The night was cold, with a heavy freezing rain sweeping the memorial and clouding the banks of lights that illuminate it.

As we spoke, an old woman with a solitary flower slowly walked up the rough concrete ramp to the foot of the bronze monument and tucked the stem into a crevice. Then she got down on her knees in the rain and her body shook with tears.

GOOD FIND

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/Sybil Zimmerman

MEAT counters and butchers offer a form of boneless poultry, usually dark meat which is called *shwarma*. Technically this word refers to lamb or veal but do try these cheaper *schwarma*.

Oriental Shwarma
4 servings

½ kilo shwarma meat
soy sauce
1½ cups self-rising flour
2 medium or 3 small eggs
pinch salt
½ cup red sweet wine
oil

1. Place *shwarma* meat in a shallow bowl. Cover with soy sauce and marinate 10-15 minutes.

Meantime, mix flour, eggs, salt and wine in another bowl. Dip *shwarma* in batter. Heat oil in frying pan and fry *shwarma* until brown.

Shwarma Sukiyaki
4-6 servings

½ kilo shwarma meat cut in long strips
¼ cup white wine
2 T. soy sauce
oil
3 small onions or
6 scallions, cut-up
2 medium green peppers, sliced in strips
¼ kilo mushrooms or
1 package mushroom sauce mix
1 package bean sprouts

1. Combine white wine and soy sauce in a bowl and marinate shwarma meat 1-2 hours.

2. Heat oil in large frying pan and saute meat until brown. Remove meat to a plate. Saute onions about 5 minutes, then remove. Saute peppers and remove. Saute mushrooms then remove. Saute bean sprouts, then add meat and vegetables and mushroom sauce mix if using. Add more soy sauce if needed. Warm thoroughly and serve immediately on rice.

Shwarma Stroganoff
4 servings

½ kilo shwarma meat, cut in bite-size pieces
2 T. flour
1 t. salt
2 T. margarine
¾ cup margarine
½ cup chopped onions
1 clove garlic

Sauce

2 T. margarine
3 t. flour
1 package mushroom sauce mix
1 jar pareve whip
1 T. tomato paste
1¼ cup hot water blended with 1½ tsp. beef bouillon mix
2 T. dry white wine

1. Combine 2 T. flour and 1 t. salt in a plastic bag. Dip in meat and shake until well coated. Heat skillet and add 2 T. margarine to melt. Brown meat quickly. Add ¾ cup margarine, chopped onions, minced garlic. Cook 3-4 minutes. Remove meat to a dish.

2. Melt 2 T. margarine. Blend in 3 t. flour and tomato paste. Stir in beef bouillon, and mushroom sauce mix. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until this starts to thicken.

3. Add meat. Stir in pareve whip and white wine. Turn down heat as low as possible and continue cooking until meat is tender.

Serve over egg noodles.

Shwarma Scallopine
4 servings

3 T. margarine or oil
700 grams shwarma meat
1 package mushroom sauce mix or
200 grams fresh mushrooms
1 cup chicken bouillon
1 large tomato
½ cup chopped onions
1 T. chopped parsley
1 crushed garlic clove
1½ t. oregano
1 t. salt
pepper to taste
1 100-gram can tomato puree
¼ cup water
2 T. flour
2 T. dry white wine

1. Melt margarine or oil in large deep skillet. Brown *shwarma* meat and mushrooms.

2. If using mushroom sauce mix, brown meat alone, add chicken bouillon and mushroom sauce mix along with onion, tomato, paraley, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper. Cover and cook 30 minutes.

3. Blend water and flour in small dish. Add tomato paste. Stir into *shwarma* and sauce. Add wine. Cook 5 minutes.

Serve over cooked noodles.

Slovene comes out of the cold

BELGRADE (AP). — Janez Rus, reported to have spent more than 30 years in hiding after World War II, says he is ready to take his place in a changed world.

"If I could get a job, I think I could adjust," said the 64-year-old former shoemaker from the village of Zalna, near the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana.

Asked how he sees the world now, Rus said, "I cannot recognize it, it is all changed. Houses are not the ones I remember. People changed their way of dressing."

The Belgrade official daily newspaper "Politika" said Sunday that Rus went into hiding in June 1945. The paper said Rus had served in 1943 for three months with Tito's partisans before being captured by occupying German forces and joining the so-called White Guard, a pro-German group which fought Communist partisans.

"When the Germans withdrew, I was afraid of what would happen to me. My brother, Joze Rus, was a well-known partisan and I decided to hide until he returned home," he said.

"I believed that it would be easier for me, with my brother present, to surrender. But my brother did not come and the years passed," Rus told "Politika."

"Throughout these years I did nothing, and I never left the house. Through the windows I looked down to the village in the valley. People seldom passed by our house, which is isolated in the hills. When I heard happy people singing in the village I cried," he said.

"There was no way out and I reconciled myself to the fate of a disappeared man. If I had not been discovered, I would have remained in hiding. So I am happy that this (his discovery earlier this month) happened."

According to the report, in the village, most people discounted rumours that he was hiding after the war. But his 75-year-old sister, Maria Rus, sometimes bought razor blades in the village shop, keeping the rumours alive.

When she bought four kilos of bread last month, someone got suspicious again and alerted police, the newspaper said. Police went to search the house and found Rus on the attic.

The newspaper said Rus was hiding when his mother died in 1966 and when the house was full of people for the funeral.

Rus reportedly said he was unable to walk much in his hiding place and had no meat to eat during the last 12 years.

"Politika" said that Rus had "sentenced himself to a punishment which no court could pass on him." No charges were ever filed.

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Chaplin in "City Lights"

Well-done film biography of Chaplin

CINEMA/Domini Keeble

THE GENTLEMAN TRAMP (Gat, Tel Aviv). A film biography. Starring Charlie Chaplin. Directed by Richard Patterson.

"THE Gentleman Tramp" is a swift-moving biographical film of one of the most celebrated personalities in the history of film, Charlie Chaplin, who died last month, aged 88. His beliefs and talents were embodied in a succession of great movies: "The Kid," "Modern Times," "The Great Dictator," "Limelight," etc. He was his own writer, composer, director, distributor — and star.

This film, opening with Charlie's urchin childhood in London, follows his career and conflicts to his Academy Award reconciliation with America at the age of 83, and the bestowing of his British Knighthood in 1975. A close-knit use of still photographs, sound recordings, old and recent documentary film and clippings from some of his best-loved films succeeds in creating a moving, cohesive and enjoyable tribute to Chaplin's life and genius.

Narration is by Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Lawrence Olivier. The music is Chaplin's.

USING THE UNDERCUT

BRIDGE/George Levinrew

ONE OF THE most interesting features of the First Up bidding system is the Undercut, which was used effectively in today's deal from the current Jerusalem Pair Championship.

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Shoresh
North (D)
♠ Q 7
♡ K 7 3
◇ A 9 7 6
♣ K Q J 3

West
♠ J 10 5 2
♡ A 9 4
◇ 10 8 5 4
♣ 10 6

East
♠ K 9 8 3
♡ J 10
◇ J 3 2
♣ 9 8 5 2

Levinrew
South
♠ A 6 4
♡ Q 8 6 5 2
◇ K Q
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:

North	South
1♣	2♡
2 NT	3◇
4♡	All Pass

North
♠ 9 8
♡ 10
◇ —
♣ —

West
♠ ?
♡ 8
◇ 6
♣ ?

East
♠ ? 6
♡ —
◇ —
♣ Q ?

South
♠ K J 7
♡ —
◇ —
♣ —

The one club bid was an automatic opening of the lowest four card suit. The two heart response, also automatic, indicated at least four hearts and 12-16 points, but denied holding four or more diamonds. North's bid of two no trump showed a balanced hand of minimum range. This two no trump rebid is seldom passed out in First Up, and North was not reluctant to underbid his hand slightly.

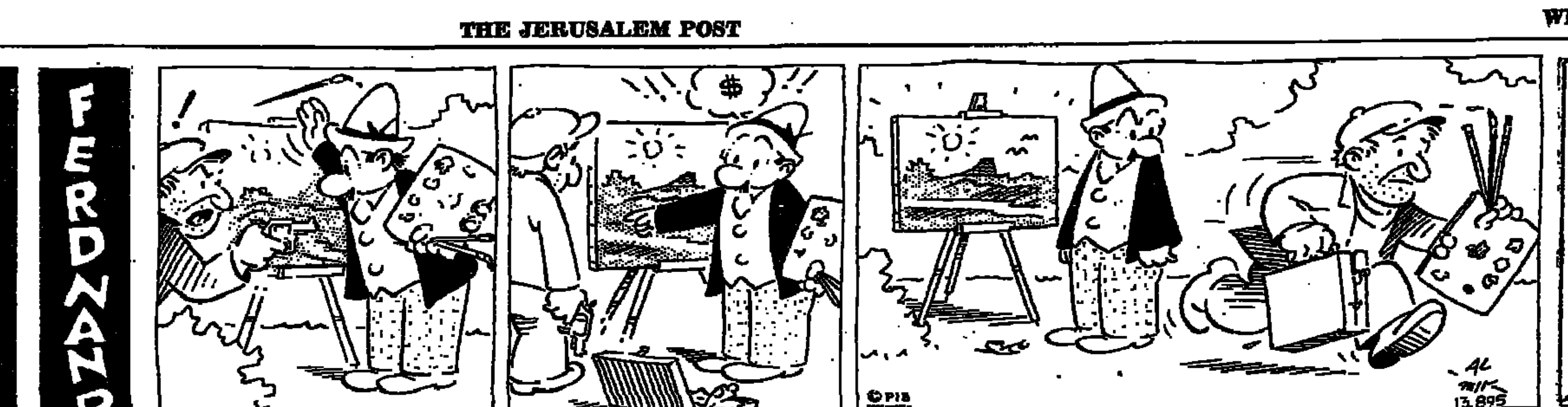
Now came the Undercut by South, namely three diamonds. North knew that this was not a legitimate suit. South had to have a stopper in diamonds, and was asking his partner if he held three hearts. South saw a potential weakness in diamonds and spades, fearing that the defence in no trump might establish one of these suits. He gave North the choice where game should be played. The four heart response indicated three hearts as well as a good opening bid.

A club was led, won by the king, and a heart was led to the queen and ace. A club was led to the ace and a heart was won by the king. Declarer won two diamond tricks and led a club. West ruffed and led the spade jack to the queen, king and ace. Declarer entered dummy with the heart 7 and discarded two losing spades on the diamond ace and a high club, making his contract for 450 points.

Nixon now eligible for Social Security

SAN CLEMENTE, California (UPI). — Former president Richard Nixon joined other senior citizens in becoming eligible for Social Security benefits on Monday as he observed his 65th birthday.

There was no information available from Casa Pacifica, the former "Western White House," on how Nixon and his family were marking the occasion. The phone at Nixon's office was answered by a volunteer from the local Women's Republican Organization who help out with his calls and continuing heavy public mail. She said she did not know how Nixon and his family were spending the day.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.40 The World of Walt Disney

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Youth magazine
19.00 Know Israel:
19.27 Programme announcements
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES
20.00 The Brothers: series by Eric Pace and N.J. Crisp tracing the family history of the London transport firm of Hammond
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.30 Moked
22.00 Il Grido. Michelangelo Antonioni's 1959 film starring Besty Blair, Alida Valli and Steve Cochran. The story of a man's search through other women for the woman he has lost
23.50 News

JORDAN TV
(unofficial): 18.00* Jabber Jaw. 19.00 I Dream of Jeannie. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00* News in Arabic. 20.30 Robin's Nest. 21.00 The Duchess of Duke Street. 21.10 Country Matters. 22.00 News in English. 22.15 Del Vecchio.

★ Shows with asterisks are also on JTV 3.

CINEMAS

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Allenby: Kelly's Heroes 6.45, 9.25; **Ben Yehuda:** Daughters, Daughters; **Chen:** Entertainer at Midnight; **Cinema One:** A few Dollars more; **Cinema Two:** The Decameron 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Dekel:** Firesale 7.15, 9.30; **Hod:** Ransom 4.40, 7.30, 9.30; **Esther:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Drive-In:** The Funniest Man in the World 5.30, 7.30, Ship of Fools 9.30; **Limor:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Maxim:** Flesh Gordon; **Mograbi:** Rocky 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Ophir:** The Deep 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Paris:** 12 Chairs 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Orly:** Face to Face 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Peer:** The Good Earth 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cinema Shahaff:** New York, New York, 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Royal:** Erotic Wife 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Tchelet:** Thieves; **Tel Aviv:** 20,000 Leagues under the Sea; **Gordon:** Rose et Frederic; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Hester Street 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; **Studio:** Bobby Deerfield; **Ramat Aviv:** The Dirty Dozen 6.30, 9.30; **Gat:** Gentleman Tramp; **Zafon:** Cria Cuervos.

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Esther: Tigers don't cry 4.30, 7, 9.15

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Face to the Wind; **Armon:** The Cop in Blue Jeans; **Atzmon:** Twilight's Last Gleaming; **Miron:** My Erotic Wife; **Chen:** Mr. Ricco; **Moriah:** Funny People 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Sweet Hostage; **Orion:** The Virgin of St. Tropez; **Orly:** The Fortune Cookie 6.45, 9; **Peer:** Entertainer at Midnight; **Ron:** Face to Face; **Shavit:** L'Amour de l'apres midi 6.45, 9.

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Mitchel: New York, New York 6.30, 9.15, Wed. also at 4; **Orgil:** Carrie 4, 6.45, 9; **Orion:** Keoma 4, 6.30, 9; **Orna:** It's alive; **Ron:** 12 Chairs; **Semadar:** Dr. Zhivago 8; **Arnon:** The good, the bad & the ugly 5.45, 8.45; **Eden:** Entertainer at Midnight; **Edison:** Magboor 4, 8; **Habirah:** The Food of the Gods; **Jerusalem:** M.A.S.H. 7, 9.

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First Programme

7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 Morning concert — Couperin: Suite La Francoise; Beethoven: Violin Concerto in D Major (Gideon Kremer); Sibelius: Symphony No.1 in E Minor, Op.39
10.05 Radio story
10.15 Arabic for beginners
10.40 Literary Party
11.35 "The Song of the Christian Arabs in Israel" with Dr. Dahliah Cohen
12.05 (Stereo): Jerome Barry, baritone — Faure: L'horizon imaginaire; Beethoven: An die ferne Geliebte; Andre Hajdu: 17 Songs
13.00 (Stereo): Noon concert — Vivaldi: Flute Concerto; Haydn: Symphony No.39 in G Minor; Schubert: Ballet Music from Rosamunde; Ives: Unanswered Question; Schuller: Contours
15.55 Notes on a new book
16.05 (Stereo): Charles Ives: Quartet No.2; Beethoven: Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 127
17.17 (Stereo): Songs and their lyrics
20.15 Echoes from the symposium on Schoenberg with Dr. Dika Newlin, Prof. Alexander Ringer and Dr. Hans Keller
21.00 Everyman's University — biochemistry
21.30 Speaker's Podium — Dr. Rafaela Bielski talks about different approaches to welfare problems
21.55 Sights in Israel with Azaria Allon
22.05 (Stereo): Verdi: I Masnadieri

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs
15.05 Hebrew songs
16.05 Magazine on science, technology and medicine
16.10 Press conference with Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Modai
17.10 Hebrew songs
18.05 Economics and business
18.43 Sports commentary
19.00 People and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading: Isaiah 49, 50
20.05 "On a Desert Island"
21.05 Progressive music
22.05 "Land of Pleasure" — Archeologist Shmarya Guttman describes excavations of Massada and the Golan Heights
23.05 Weekend — songs, chat, interview, discussion

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Giora Shaviv talks about cosmology: the structure of the universe
9.05 Morning Party — Music: "Red Line": Listeners may call 03-822292 the moment something newsworthy happens
13.05 Songs, regards
12.45 Fifteen Minutes — a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world
13.05 Hebrew songs
13.30 "5708" — recordings of the events of 30 years ago
13.52 "From the Jewish point of view" with Hanna Zemer
14.05 Foreign language hit parade
18.45 Yitzhak Livni talks about life insurance
18.57 Programme announcements
19.05 Prof. Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset committee, answers questions from soldiers
19.50 "5708" (repeat)
20.05 Juke Box-music
21.05 Stage and Screen — songs from musicals
21.30 University on the Air — series on cosmology: the structure of the universe
22.05 Tender is the Night — music
23.05 Let's Talk — Natan Dunevich tries to solve listeners' problems
01.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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22.00 (Fifth) *
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FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS
French
7.15 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 min. including review of Hebrew press
14.30 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.30 (Fifth) 25 min.
24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
Yiddish 6.25, 18.30 (First)
Hungarian 19.15 (Fifth) 15 min. Saturdays (First; 30 min.
Rumanian 6.30, 19.45 (First)
Russian 6.20 (First), 19.15 (First, Fifth)
Georgian 6.10 (First), 19.15 (First, Fifth)
Ladino 6.35 (First), 20.00 (First, Fifth)
Mograbi 6.40 (First), 19.45 (First, Fifth)
Bukharian 6.05 (First)
Castilian Spanish 6.45 (First)

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		1st Programme	2nd Programme
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		1169	710
	FM:	91.3	95.5
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	FM:	89.4	103.2
B'sheba area	AM:	575	656
	FM:	88.8	103.8
Safed area	AM:	575	845
	FM:	90.9	101.1
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to Nahariya: 8.10, 12.00, 15.00, 16.00.

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to Jerusalem: 7.30.
to Beersheba & Dimona: 6.50, 17.52.

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to Jerusalem: 6.54, 15.37.
to Tel Aviv: 5.54, 6.24, 7.24*, 8.24, 9.54, 11.24, 12.24, 13.25, 14.25, 15.24*, 16.24, 17.22, 19.34.
to Nahariya: 6.20, 9.06*, 13.14, 16.06, 17.29.
to Beersheba & Dimona: 15.37.

FROM NAHARIYA
to Haifa & Tel Aviv: 5.33, 7.35, 10.44, 14.35, 18.50.

FROM BEERSHEBA
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1345 El Al 008 New York, Montreal
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1415 TWA 880 New York, Athens
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1455 Sterling 915 Copenhagen
1555 Lufthansa 606 Frankfurt, Munich
1615 SAS 771 Copenhagen
1645 El Al 846 London, Frankfurt
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1710 Transavia 295 Amsterdam, Athens
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1745 Sabena 203 Brussels
1815 Britannia 129 Luton, Venice
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0840 El Al 535 Nairobi
0850 British Air 485 London
0900 El Al 315 London
1035 El Al 573 Istanbul, Bucharest
1345 Pan Am 189 New York
1450 Luton 377 Dusseldorf
1545 Sterling 916 Copenhagen
1655 Lufthansa 605 Frankfurt
1700 El Al 365 Rome
1730 SAS 772 Copenhagen
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2335 El Al 517 Johannesburg

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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Paris after Abstraction: Israeli Artists 1977; The Sensuous Line: Julea Pascin drawings; Herbert Distel: The Museum of Drawers; Johannes Itten; What is a Self-portrait? **Visiting hours: Israel Museum:** Sun. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 4-10 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Shrine of the Book, Billy Rose Art Garden:** Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Rockefeller Museum:** Sun. — Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets for Sat. and holidays must be purchased in advance at the Museum, Cahana or major Jerusalem hotels; in Tel Aviv at Rococo, Hadran and Kastel.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Michael Gross 1955-1977; Tribute to Marc Chagall; Selection from the Museum's collection of Israeli Art. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Giorgio Morandi: Etchings; Milton Glaser, Graphic Design. Visiting Hours: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.); Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.); Sat. 7-11 p.m.

Ha'aretz Museum Tel Aviv
1) Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv: Glass Museum; Ceramics Museum; Museum of Science and Technology; Museum of Ethnography and Folklore (Judaica); Alphabet Museum; Nechushtan Pavilion — Timna Excavations; Tel Quasile Excavations; Museum Library; Lasky Planetarium (Demonstrations daily, at 9, 10, 11, 12 p.m. Tuesdays also at 7.15 p.m. Sat. at 10.30, 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.)
2) Museum of Antiquities of Tel Aviv-Yafo (10 Rehov Mifratz Shlomo, Yafo)
3) Museum of the History of Tel Aviv-Yafo (27 Rehov Bialik)
4) The Israel Theatre Museum. (3 Rehov Melchett)
All Museums open: Sun.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Except Museum of History of Tel Aviv till 3 p.m.), Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On Saturdays admission free except Planetarium. **The Israel Theatre Museum:** Sun.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Library: Sun.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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New Date for Change
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The change will now take place on Tuesday, February 21, 1978.

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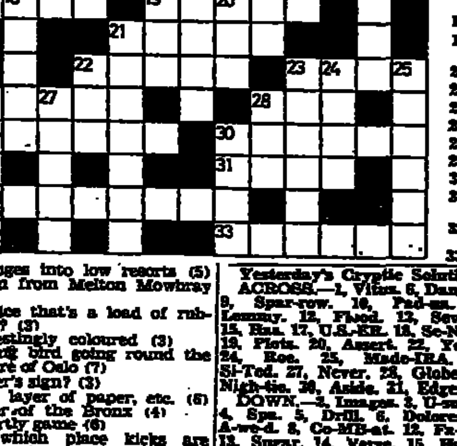

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 How to please the unconscious (6)
7 Norman noble? (8)
8 One way to get £50 (4)
10 Staple dishes? (6)
11 Prints in a rush (6)
14 Some girl's name (3)
16 Stone-breaking sounds (5)
17 One who looks to the future (4)
19 Fed up with being committed outright! (5)
21 He conveys the impression that Reg may be embracing VI (5)
22 Ran and came first when out of work (5)
23 Just in case there's someone on the tee (4)
26 A lady's bloomers (5)
28 Little Rock (3)
29 Like unheard of tales? (6)
30 He lends support while taking no part (6)
31 Viola's singing voice? (4)
32 Distinguished men of whom one is in hospital (8)
33 Cleans up the prison? (6)

DOWN
1 Experts, but they may get pasted (6)
2 Where there's no longer a three to chop up? (6)
3 Slap up, mates (4)
4 Bookish bunch of churchmen? (7)
5 Interrupt woundingly (3, 2)
6 Poet who went to the stake? (5)
8 Indistinguishable from Samuel East (4)
9 That old cricketing theory (3)
12 Measure a stick (3)
13 Swimmers with a way of getting into nets (5)
15 Plunges into low resorts (5)
18 John from Melton Mowbray (5)
19 Advice that's a load of rubbish? (3)
20 Arrestingly coloured (3)
21 Young bird going round the centre of Oslo (7)
22 Sayer's sign? (3)
23 Soft layer of paper, etc. (6)
24 River of the Bronx (4)
25 Courtly game (6)
26 In which place kicks are appropriate (5)
27 Report the floor sound (5)
28 Grand name for a girl (3)
30 Give a ticket (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Throbs (6)
7 Murder (8)
8 Masculine (4)
10 Plundered (6)
11 Defames (6)
14 Unconscious (3)
16 Stockily-built (5)
17 Puts on (4)
19 Sea-creatures (5)
21 Film (5)
22 Niggard (5)
23 Bogus (4)
26 Tree (5)
28 Opponent (3)
29 Vitality (6)
30 Occupier (6)
31 Period of time (4)
32 Smartly-dressed (6, 2)
33 Overjoyed (6)

DOWN
1 White-faced (6)
2 Rank (6)
3 Out-house (4)
4 In sight (7)
5 Drink (5)
6 Untidy (5)
8 Earth satellite (4)
9 Allow (3)
12 Vehicle (3)
13 Animal (5)
15 Cut off (5)
18 Vegetable (5)
19 Distress signal (3)
20 Melody (3)
21 Mixed (7)
22 Spoil (3)
23 Musical composition (6)
24 Be informed (4)
25 Tangled (6)
26 Tears (5)
27 Lash-marks (5)
28 Payment (3)
30 Variety (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Vitus. 6, Dan-C-e. 9, Spar-row. 10, Pad-ua. 11, Lemmy. 12, Flood. 13, Several. 15, Hsa. 17, U.S.-ER. 18, Se-Nat-e. 19, Plots. 20, Assert. 22, Yo-GI. 24, Roe. 25, Made-IRA. 26, St-Ted. 27, Never. 28, Globe. 29, Nigh-tie. 30, Aside. 31, Edges.
DOWN.—1, Images. 3, U-sure-r. 4, Spa. 5, Drill. 6, Dolores. 7, A-we-d. 8, Co-MB-at. 12, Fa-ul-t. 13, Sugar. 14, Verse. 15, Hanoi. 16, Sepia. 18, Stead. 19, Prairie. 21, Sobers. 22, Yelled. 23, Grab-le. 25, Meths. 26, Send. 28, GI-E.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—1, Bawdy. 6, Plump. 9, Residue. 10, Grain. 11, Bairn. 12, Sheen. 13, Palette. 15, Pip. 17, Idol. 18, Stride. 19, Puppy. 20, Cobalt. 22, Deft. 24, Hay. 25, Praises. 26, Divan. 27, Pilot. 28, Vista. 29, Version. 30, Shred. 31, Weary.
DOWN.—2, Abroad. 3 Drivel. 4, Yen. 5, Lithe. 6, Puberty. 7, Lean. 8, Morbid. 12, Stout. 13, Pinch. 14, Lobby. 15, Pines. 16, Pests. 18, Spurn. 19, Plaited. 21, Oafish. 22, Divine. 23, Fetter. 25, Pause. 26, Dove. 28, Vow.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market marks time

TEL AVIV. — Share price movement virtually ground to a standstill yesterday, as trading volume continued extremely low, at 38.3m.

The current behaviour of the market is generally considered a constructive phenomenon. On the surface it appears that the investment community is only awaiting some positive economic or political news to send prices higher. The only investments attracting new capital appear to be those dealing with foreign currency purchases.

Government pronouncements concerning the further weakening of the Israel pound in terms of the dollar, add appeal to this type of investment.

Commercial banks continued to trade in the very narrowest of ranges. Changes recorded were only a few points one way or the other.

Mortage banks issues were mixed.

Insurance issues, for the better part, were somewhat higher. Aryeh extended its recent gains to 790, after a five-point gain. Hassneh was unchanged, while Sahar was gaining five points. Securitas lost seven, while Zur advanced by 10 to 1,070. Delek (B) was a poor feature, as it was seven per cent lower at 423.

Land development and real estate issues trended slightly lower. Once again the downward movement was generally limited to a few points. Rassco ordinary shares were five per cent lower at 180.5.

Industrials produced a number of situations where price fluctuations were relatively high. Elco IL2.5 was 6.6 per cent lower at 351. Nechushtan (R), on the other hand, gained almost 10 per cent to 1,335. The bearer shares traded unchanged at 1,271. Electric Wire and Cables (R) was five per cent lower at 161.5. The price change was due to a "sellers only" situation. Paper Mills eased by three to 390, while Alliance continued unchanged at 1,420. Lodzia ordinary shares retreated by 11 to 374.

Investment company stocks were mixed. Ellern climbed still higher as it gained five points to 535. Bank Leumi gained three to 546. Jordan Exploration gained 18 to 1,175, while the attendant warrants were "buyers only" and were fixed at 2,090. Clal industries lost 11 to 277. Piryon eased by 10 to 452 but the options were unchanged at 258. Lapidot (B) were "buyers only" and were fixed at 2,22.

Index-linked bonds were moderately higher in relatively quiet trading.

Most Active Issues

I.D.B. Pref. A	260-2.5	IL1,300,000
Bank Leumi	428-1	IL950,000
Hapoalim B	478+2	IL600,000
Shares Traded:		IL38.3m.
Convertibles:		IL4.2m.
Share index down 0.21%, to 116.06		

	9.1.78	10.1.78
DOLLAR-LINKED DEBENTURES		
5% Dead Sea b	2140	2194
5% Dead Sea Junior r	790	779
6% Electric Corp. B. r	549	—
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS		
Hollis 22	120	119.3
C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)		
Absorp. 1966 (1) b	—	—
Absorp. 1967 (1) b	—	—
Bit. 1968 (41) b	498	490.5
Bit 1969 (41) b	384	386
Bit. 1969 6.5% (66) b	541.3	539.6
Bit. 1969 6.5% (91) b	457.6	457.6
OPTIONALS		
Dev. 296 b	504.5	504.5
Dev. 313 b	500.5	500.5
Dev. 4% (3001) b	308.6	308.6
CONVERTIBLES		
15% Mizrahi (2) r	356	356
7% Leumi (5) b	330	330
10% Delek r	222	219.5
10% Disc. Inv. (72) b	320	314.5
BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
Otsar Hityashvut r	375	376
I.D.B. pref. r	776	776
I.D.B. Bankholding r	409	409
Union "A" r	810	805
Discount "A" r	786	786
United Mizrahi b	299	305
Hapoalim b	475	476
Leumi "A" r	428	429
Gen. Mortgage b	662	663
Dev. & Mortgage b	419	428
Housing Mortg. b	365	368
Tefahot 8% pref. b	580	585
Tefahot b	586.5	590.5
Ind. & Dev. 8% pref. r	180	190
Aryeh r	790	785.3
Hassneh Insurance b	520	520
Sahar — "C" b	735	730
Zur	1070	1060
REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS		
Azorim r	250	256
Africa Israel IL10 r	940	940
Isr. Land Dev.	306.5	315.5
Solel Boneh 10% pref.	393	398
Property & Building	358	362
Isras	340	342
Mehadrin	1100	1100
I.C.P. Citrus r	565	555
Neot Aviv r	480	482
Pri Or Ltd. b	715	730
Rassco - 8% pref. r	209	215
Rassco r	180.5	190
INDUSTRIAL		
Alliance - B r	1420	1420
Elco - 2.5 b	351	376
Electra - 5 r	351	356.5
Argaman - 8% b	272.5	284.5
Ata - C r	179.5	179
Dubek b	780	780
Elec. Wire & Cable b	160.5	160.5
Teva r	1156	1150.5
Chem. & Phosphates r	439.5	433
Lewin Epstein	306	307
Moller Textile	240	236
Paper Mills r	—	—
Assis "B" r	390	393
Nechustan 8% pref. b	185.5	193
Elite r	1271	1271
Shemen - 8% pref. b	400	400
Frutarom r	270	284.5
Polgat r	150	151
Elron IL2 r	676	676
INVESTMENT COMPANIES		
Elgar	295	300
Ellern b	535	530
Israel Central Trade r	1005	1020
Hapoalim b	429.5	429
Paz b	368	371
Wolfson - IL10 b	192	192
Amps r	198	200
Discount b	500	500
United Mizrahi b	375	377
Bank Leumi	548	543
Piryon r	452	462
Export Bank	206	206
Clal r	325.5	325.5
Clal Industries r	277	288
FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES		
Naphta OTC r	1385	1343
Lapidoth OTC r	1680	1680
Jordan Exploration r	1175	1157
Jordan Warrants	2090	1980
Delek C r	423	455
Israel Electric Corp. r	385	400

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Am Motors	3⅝	Ford	42½	Monsanto	51⅜
Amer. T & T	59	Gen Dynam	41⅝	NCR	37⅜
Atl Rich	47⅜	Gen Foods	29⅞	Occ Pet	21½
Avco	15⅛	Gen Motors	69⅛	Pan Am	4⅝
Avon	46½	Gen Tel	30	Phil Pet	28⅝
Bell How	14⅜	Gen Tire	22	Polaroid	24½
Beth St.	20⅝	Gillette	23⅜	RCA corp.	23⅜
Boeing	25⅜	Grace	26½	Royal Dutch	55
Brist My	32	Gulf West	11⅜	Sears Roe	26⅜
Burroughs	68	Gulf Oil	24⅞	Singer	18⅞
CBS Inc.	47½	Honywell	43⅜	Sony	7
Celanese	39	IBM	267½	Sperry Rand	35½
Chase Man	27⅜	Int Paper	39⅜	Teledyne	58⅜
Chrysler	12⅜	Int. T & T	30⅛	Texaco	26⅜
Coca Cola	36⅜	John John	70⅜	Texas Ins	70½
Con Ed	24	LTV	6	TWA	9⅝
Crown Zell	32	Litton	14½	Twent Cent	21⅜
Curtis Wri	18⅜	Lockheed	13⅝	U.S. Steel	30⅜
Dow Chem	25⅝	Macy	37	West Union	16⅛
Dupont	111⅜	Mcdon-Doug	25½	Woolworth	17⅞
East KDK	50⅛	Merr Lynch	14½	Xerox	45⅜
Exxon	44⅜	Minn MM	46½	Zenith	13⅝

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Wall Street still sliding

NEW YORK (AP). — Blue chips struggled to hold their ground yesterday but the rest of the market was unable to halt its early-1978 slide.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had fallen more than 6 points in the first five trading days of the new year was down little more than a point half an hour before the close. But losers outnumbered gainers by more than a 2 to 1 margin in the broad tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues. Trading was active.

Analysts said the depressed prices of many blue chip stocks attracted some buying and covering of previous short sales with the Dow at its lowest level in more than two years. But they also noted that the market was still faced with concern over rising interest rates. The U.S. Federal Reserve has taken steps in recent days to push interest rates higher with the aim of shoring up the slumping U.S. dollar.

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Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israel pound

	Selling	Buying
U.S. $	15.7800	15.6500
Sterling	30.2355	30.0197
Swiss Fr.	7.8193	7.7823
Belgian Fr. (10)	4.7498	4.7151
Swedish Kr.	3.3439	3.3195
French Fr.	3.2305	3.3082
Danish Kr.	2.6932	2.6740
Austrian Sh. (10)	10.2520	10.1772
Dutch Fl.	6.8708	6.8207
DM	7.3541	7.3028
Italian Lire (1000)	18.0083	17.8779
Finnish M.	3.9009	3.8725
Norwegian Kr.	3.0235	3.0014
Canadian $	14.3329	14.2283
Rand	18.1452	18.0128
Australian $	17.9142	17.7836
Yen (1000)	65.2925	64.8161

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U.S. $	1.9180/90	per £
DM	2.1420/40	per $
Swiss Fr.	2.0140/70	per $
Belgian Fr.	33.17/19	per $
Italian Lire	874.90/40	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.2930/45	per $
Yen	241.30/45	per $
French Fr.	4.7310/30	per $
Danish Kr.	5.8495/20	per $
Swedish Kr.	4.7125/35	per $
Norwegian Kr.	5.2115/35	per $

FORWARD RATES:

	1 mon.	3 mon.	6 mon.
$/£	1.9193/206	1.9225/240	1.9280/295
DM/$	2.1328/358	2.1187/197	2.0910/945
Nr./$	2.0015/055	1.9820/860	1.9510/358

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SHAKED	163.81	159.80
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The ills of the stock exchange

The multiple role of the banks and the Government's policy on taxing mergers were the subject of a seminar on the stock exchange yesterday. Also discussed were 'systems' for making a million, ways of manipulating stocks, company prospectuses written in plain language, and the responsibility to companies and the public of financial reporters. MACABEE DEAN reports.

TEL AVIV. — the multi-function role of the banks in the stock exchange — acting as underwriters, trustees for specific customers, and brokers for others — leads to a "very definite conflict of interests." However, despite this, it was impossible to change the picture overnight, and what was needed was to limit their specific activities, even for "appearances sake only," so that their conflict of interests would not be so blatant. Gradually, sharply defined roles would be laid down.

This was stated yesterday by Dr. Meir Heth, chairman of the board of directors of the Stock Exchange. He was addressing reporters of the economic section of the Journalists Association, which was holding a day-long seminar on the market. Some of the newspapers were blasted without mercy — if in genteel terms — by Nathan Shiloh, deputy director-general of the Exchange, for printing stories which may have misled "less knowledgeable" investors.

Dr. Heth, commenting on a recent statement by Deputy Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin, that the Government hoped industry would raise three billion pounds on the market in 1978, noted that the "bourse will do its best." However, he felt that the Government should re-examine problems of taxation on mergers and splits in companies, which prevented many of them from going to the Exchange. Moreover, Dr. Heth thought that the "Government shouldn't pull out of financing industry overnight, and throwing the task on the Exchange. The Government should continue financing industry while the Exchange gradually took over."

How does one make a million on the stock market?

Dr. Heth listed some of the favourite "systems" used in the U.S. Topping the list was astrology, followed by the influence of sun spots on fluctuations. Others analyzed affairs of a company before buying its shares.

Still others played with "charts" which dealt with the entire market, buying and selling at certain peaks and valleys on the charts. Still others were "fundamentalists," believing there wae a direct relation between the rises and falls of the market and the changes in a country's economy.

Yet others played the "wishful thinking game," that is to say, they "bought on a rumour and sold before it was denied." Some used the "news index," saying that good news meant higher prices, and vice versa (this was evidently true in the short run, but not on long trends). Still others used the "random walk" theory — buy any handful of stocks at random and they would perform just as well as those bought after careful consideration.

Dr. Heth noted that in the U.S. public relation firms — part of whose pay came in stock options — were employed by certain companies to paint a glowing picture of that company, thus manipulating the price of its stocks. "In this field, at least, we are lagging behind the U.S.," he noted wryly.

Dr. David Ottensooser, director-general of the Exchange, believed that one of the things which had caused the "boom and bust" in 1977, was the fact that although the market had been intended for long-term investors, a lot of "merchants" (he did not use the word "speculators") had moved in, buying and selling on tips, and creating a "nervous market."

The law specifically gave tax breaks to investors, and the "merchants," under the guise of investors, were exploiting the situation. The tax authorities, unable to draw a distinction between the two groups, had done nothing to tax the "merchants."

Yosef Nitzani, deputy director-general of the Exchange, noted that "within a few days" a computer, which would publish information on trading within 15-60 minutes, would be functioning. The first terminal would be a hall accommodating about 100 persons at 25 Rehov Lilienblum. Later all the brokers would be requested to install terminals. Thus, the average investor would be able to control his investments much better than at present. He would be able to compete better with those "on the scene" on the trading floor, who could buy or sell at a moment's notice.

This computer would also be used at a later date, to facilitate the listing of sales and purchases in the "clearing department."

Nitzani also said the Exchange was weighing the possibility of introducing "specialists" — those who "took a guiding interest in certain stocks" and stepped in to buy or sell to prevent unjustifiable fluctuations. (This system is used extensively abroad).

He added that lately there "had been felt the attempts of one person to manipulate the prices of one specific share." Steps would be taken, he said.

Mordecai Muskal, legal adviser to the Securities Authority, proposed that in addition to the "prospectus" giving a company's full details and its annual report, companies should also be forced to react to every press report or rumour on their activities, since such reports influence buyers and sellers. He also wanted the companies to publish an abridged version of their prospectus, using non-technical language for the general public. A "managers report," describing the past activities of the company and its future prospects, "based on hard facts and reasonable assumptions," should also be included.

As for investors who believed they had been taken for a ride through false information published by a company, he wanted to facilitate the taking of "class action," where a group of victims could band together to sue a large company. It was virtually impossible for the lone investors to fight lengthy legal battles due to the high expense.

Investment advisers and newspaper reporters should also be forced to prove their qualifications for the work they performed. At present, anybody could set himself up as an expert, without any background or expertise, Shiloh said.

He wanted reporters to check their facts before they rushed into print, for each written word influenced the fate of a company and the activities of investors. He openly castigated those "analysts" among the reporters, who told others what to do — yet rarely, if ever, came to the trading floor to see what was going on.

New 'phone code for Rehovot

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new telephone dialling area — with 054 as the prefix — will be established in Rehovot in about three months. It will be the country's 13th phone dialling region and will "cover" all numbers now in the 03 (Tel Aviv area) zone beginning with the digits 95.

According to the Ministry of Communications and Transport, some 8,000 subscribers will have their numbers changed. About two-thirds of them will merely have the "9" dropped, with the other digits retained intact. The rest will have to be changed entirely due to technical requirements.

Booklets containing the changed numbers will be distributed nationwide to anyone requesting them. Subscribers whose numbers are changed will be granted several free calls to inform friends and associates of the changes.

In the summer, 10,000 new circuits will be made available to persons waiting for phones, when the Ayalon Junction telephone exchange — opposite the Ramle Prison — opens. It will serve the Lod-Ramle region, including surrounding rural settlements, and will also operate as part of the 054 dialling prefix region.

The Ministry spokesman emphasized that calls from one number to another in the same dialling area are not necessarily considered "local" calls for purposes of calculating message-unit fees.

Thus, while a call from north Tel Aviv to south Tel Aviv is billed on an unlimited-time basis, a call from Tel Aviv to Rehovot, although both are still within the 03 region, is not a local call but an interurban one, and consequently costs more.

OIL. — Japan's oil development company said in Tokyo yesterday that it will set up a joint venture in Abu Dhabi within a couple of months to develop an undersea oil field, with the Abu Dhabi national oil company expected to have an 88 per cent interest.

CHEAPER. — Genoa port authorities said they are halving sums charged for the loading and unloading of goods destined to or coming from other Mediterranean ports, as Mediterranean trade.

Prices of chicken, beef, fish, are up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The prices of frozen chicken and beef were raised Monday by 10 and 5 per cent respectively.

The price rise decided upon by the inter-ministerial committee on subsidy cuts, brings the price of a "mini" frozen chicken up to IL20.60 per kilo (from IL18.70), the No.1-size chicken to IL20 per kilo (IL18.30), the No.2-size bird to IL19.60 (IL17.80) and the No.3 chicken to IL19 (IL17.20). The price of frozen beef rose by IL2 to IL3.

Fresh water fish also went up in price by ten per cent. The Fishbreeders Association announced yesterday that carp would now cost IL20.20, not including VAT. Silver carp will cost IL16. — without the tax. "The increase covers only a part of the rise in production costs," the Association's spokesman said.

COMPONENTS and measuring equipment worth IL500,000 were stolen on Sunday night from the storeroom of the Motorola company in Tel Aviv's Rehov Nahlat Yitzhak.

Neglect of cooperative houses debated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Monday decided to hold a regular debate on "the maintenance of cooperative houses," after Menahem Savidor (Likud-Liberals), in a motion for the agenda, drew a bleak picture of the state of neglect of many such buildings.

In many cases, Savidor said, the stairwells, back yards and roofs of these buildings are turned into rubbish heaps even before the flat-owners manage to pay off their mortgages. Entrance doors, letter boxes, and other commonly-held property were destroyed and houses worth billions of pounds are turned into an environmental hell, he said.

Housing Minister Gideon Patt said he regretted that Savidor's description was basically correct. He said that Amendment No. 5 to the Land Law, adopted last August, gave the Controller of Cooperative Houses greater powers. Owing to budgetary difficulties, however, it had been decided to implement the law by stages in different parts of the country.

The minister of justice had decided to apply the law first to Jerusalem, and preparations for doing so are now in an advanced stage.

Patt said that the Knesset Interior Committee now had before it the Renovation and Maintenance of Buildings Bill, which could be an important instrument leading to the refurbishing and proper maintenance of all buildings, including cooperative houses.

The minister at first proposed that Savidor's motion be referred to committee. But when Savidor — backed by Shelli's Meir Pa'il — held out for a plenary debate, Patt did not object.

New law on wills, handling of property

The Knesset Monday passed the second and third readings of the Administrator-General Law, which replaces legislation in effect since British Mandate times.

Law Committee chairman David Glass said that the new law introduces uniformity in the procedures to be followed in the varied areas for which the administrator-general in the Justice Ministry is responsible.

These activities include wills, handling the property of the mentally ill, enemy property, and abandoned property.

West faces sharp rise in jobless

By SIMON KENT

PARIS. — The major Western industrialised countries which make up the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are certain to see a substantial rise in unemployment in 1978 unless major action is taken within the next few weeks. The young, especially those who have never been able to find work, will be the hardest hit.

This is the sombre message to emerge from the OECD's annual Economic Outlook, which contains the organisation's detailed forecasts for growth, trade and inflation.

It is only a matter of months since the major world leaders committed themselves to the twin targets of full employment and minimal inflation by 1980.

Now, says Richard Freeman, OECD's chief forecaster, there is no chance whatever of this goal being achieved, and the target date must slip until 1983 at the earliest.

The OECD, has a good reputation for accuracy, though erring in recent years on the side of optimism. Last year, for instance, it forecast growth at four per cent, whereas 3½ per cent will prove to be the outcome.

For 1978 OECD predicts only 3½ per cent growth on present policies, which, of course, would be very serious. It would, for instance, mean 17 million people without jobs in the industrialised world alone — and take a terrible toll on employment in the Third World.

It would undoubtedly lead to a rise in protectionism, and fuel the prospects of a trade war, already brought closer by the events of the last few months in the steel and textiles industries. It will lead to bankruptcies, in one country, Japan, already at a post-war high.

There are a number of reasons, pinpointed by OECD, for the present situation:

Since April industrial production has stagnated. In the U.S. output has been slowing down, while in Japan it is flat, despite record exports in some sectors. In Europe production has fallen sharply. Unemployment in OECD is 5.4 per cent, half-a-million higher than at the trough of the 1975 recession. **Europe has been the worst hit: in 1975 there were 4.7 million jobless, today there are over seven million.**

A failure to coordinate policies has led to serious imbalance, provoking uncertainty and a disinclination by business to invest. The U.S. has built up a record trade deficit, while Japan's surplus has tripled to an estimated $13,500m. for 1977/8. As a result the U.S. dollar has depreciated by five per cent since August, the French franc and the Italian lira have lost three per cent, while the German mark has gained 4½ per cent and the Japanese yen nine per cent. Sterling has risen one per cent.

The OECD solution is for the locomotive countries, particularly Japan and Germany, to take immediate action to expand their economies so as to suck in more imports.

President Carter is hoping to persuade Congress to stir up growth by agreeing to a further $25,000m. of tax cuts and to trim oil imports by passing the major elements of his energy proposals. Germany for the moment has promised nothing.

But the doubters remain. Some economists believe that the days of growth have gone for ever, that the West has indeed come to the end of the road, and that no amount of lever-pulling by politicians will make much difference.

The problems, it is argued, are structural.

Others say the problem is that the world has lost its zest for technological innovation, and that this in itself inhibits the forces that have provided the dynamo for expansion since World War II. Cited are the example of American withdrawal from supersonic air travel and the automotive industry's reluctance to innovate.

Then there is the real truth that the end of the era of cheap energy has caused recession. Finally, there is the compelling argument that the pull of public spending has drawn the expansionary lifeblood out of both the taxpayer's pocket and the entrepreneur's ability to invest.

The OECD experts reject most, if not all, of these arguments. The energy argument would have more validity but for the fact that oil prices have fallen, in real terms, over the past two years. There is also an energy glut with supply likely to exceed demand until the early 80's — and longer, unless world growth recovers.

The technology argument, they say, is one that presents itself at regular intervals, but is always subsequently disproved, as a recitation of the achievements of the past 20 years shows.

On growth generally the experts' view is that there has been so much concern about inflation that governments, particularly the German Government, have become obsessive. The OECD believes there is so much slack in economies that higher growth is unlikely to rekindle inflation.

As for public spending, the OECD argues strongly that large budget deficits are justifiable given the present high level of savings and the $35b. of unused OPEC surpluses.

"We have nothing to fear but fear itself," commented a top OECD man. The trouble is that it took a long time for the perils of inflation to sink in, and now that, in most countries, they have done so, neither politicians nor administrators are going to be easily persuaded they can afford to relax the fight to cut the world's growing army of unemployed. (OFNS)

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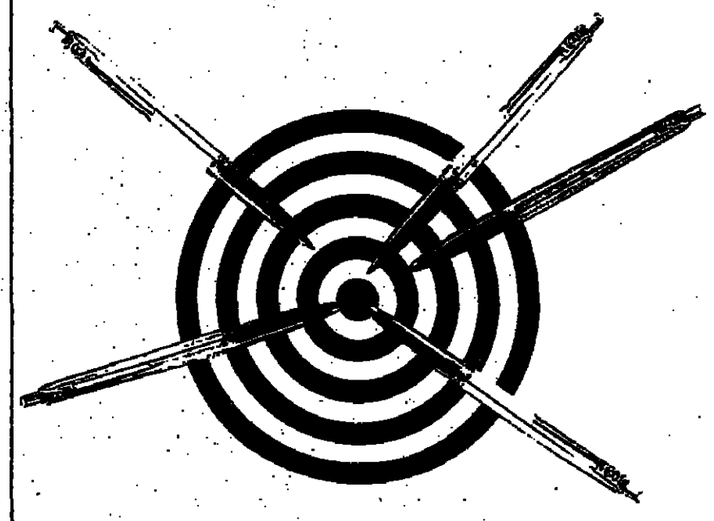

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Failure of nerve

THE ISSUE of land settlement — particularly as it may affect the prospects of a peace settlement — is still with us.

Hardly had the cabinet disposed of the matter of settlement in the Rafiah Approaches, when the question of new settlements in the West Bank was raised in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. The initiative was that of the DMC, which was entitled under its own coalition agreement to make such an appeal for fresh decision from the cabinet to the committee.

The bone of contention was the approval given by the government majority to Agriculture Minister Sharon's plan for three new villages east of the "green line."

On the face of it, the official line was endorsed by a comfortable vote of 14 to 9 (including 7 Alignment and 2 of the DMC members.) But the debate told a somewhat different story: if Liberal representatives on the committee had voted their consciences and not under coalition discipline, the margin of victory would have been far slimmer, at best.

In approving the Agriculture Minister's project, the committee did not align itself with his philosophy. It merely dismissed the contention that three more Jewish villages threatened to impede the peace negotiations.

The entitlement of Jews to settle anywhere in the area, without at the same time violating the rights of the local pupulation, is an essential aspect of Mr. Begin's autonomy plan.

But Mr. Sharon's timing is not part of that plan, and it is simply difficult to fathom how these moves fit in with the government's efforts to advance negotiations.

Mr. Begin could have had only one rational purpose in going along with Mr. Sharon: to mollify the right-wing extremists who have been charging him with infidelity to his most cherished beliefs. The size of this internal opposition to his policies was indicated by the support given to Shmuel Katz, the rival to Mr. Begin's candidate for the post of minister-without-portfolio in the Herut central committee.

Only the militants are not going to be appeased. As Gush Emunim's spokesmen have hastened to announce, they want more, and faster, action on settlement. And so, inevitably, beyond the question of timing, there remains the problem of settlement itself.

On this, the Labour Alighment — and the DMC, too — appear to be as badly split as the Likud. Labour bears a heavy burden of responsibility for its past conduct — whether for having done too little or too much, is a matter of political taste.

During its decade long stewardship in the territories, the Labour regime was unable to make up its mind whether settlement was a right or a necessity, and whether settlements were unilaterally to define Israel's future defensible borders or to serve as chips in bargaining for such borders. Now some of its leaders want to score points in the party and out, by fulsome appeals for settlement which they refrained from making before.

As the debate in the Knesset committee showed, the issue is not only of the kind of Israel that Israelis want, but also how peace negotiations fit into the equation. This the committee, for reasons of domestic politics, failed to confront squarely.

Budget's big ifs

THE TREASURY'S economic adviser, Ephraim Dovrat, observed yesterday that if the assumptions (on the level of prices, wages, etc.) on which the National Budget is based are false, then the whole economic forecast has no meaning.

Making these assumptions true will require tough action on the part of the authorities. Mr. Ehrlich gave a hint of things to come when he stated in his budget speech that should civil servants extract a wage rise this year (other than the cost-of-living allowance) from their employers, the number of jobs in the service will be slashed.

In other words, the budget allocation for Government departments is fixed; it will not go up whatever happens in the wage negotiations. *If* the Finance Minister means what he says, and *if* he also makes it clear to the private sector that whatever business firms pay out in higher wages, they will not recoup any of it from the authorities, neither through loans, nor subsidies, nor protective duties, nor devaluations — then the promise implicit in the National Budget that price inflation is going to taper off sharply during the second half of the year may be within range of fulfilment.

These are big ifs; and there is another condition requisite if price inflation is to be tamed. Revenue has lagged during the recent financial year, for several reasons, including a shortage of tax-collecting personnel and the public's unfamiliarity with the still-new value added tax.

It is good news that several hundred extra staff are being recruited to the Treasury's Internal Revenue Department. The stipulated IL6b. budget deficit is a maximum that must not be exceeded. In order to prevent the gap from widening further, the Government must refrain from spending more than is laid down in the blue volumes (no matter what happens to prices); but it must in addition make sure that it can levy every last agora of the tax payments scheduled.

Mr. Ehrlich has warned that the year ahead is going to be a hard one also for the Treasury, which has to enforce these policies.

POSTSCRIPTS

ON A RECENT visit to Damascus, a reader tells us, she was surprised to learn that the average Syrian doesn't think very highly of his country's 235,000 Druse citizens. Syrians consider the Druse to be pro-Israel, it seems, and untrustworthy despite the fact that Jebel Arab, the area where most Druse live, is dotted with memorials to Druse soldiers who fell while fighting for Syria.

It is generally conceded in Damascus that the Syrian government has put a price on the heads of many Golan Druse and that blood will be shed if Israel ever returns towns like Majdal Shams.

Our correspondent notes that for most of the three hours it takes to drive to Jebel Arab, the traveller sees nothing but flat, barren countryside and an occasional mud-hut Moslem village or army installation. By contrast, the area inhabited by Druse looks prosperous, though topographically the land hasn't changed.

Even in that part of Jebel Arab which is as rocky, black, and desolate as the adjacent Golan Heights, villages seemed well developed. Most homes were clean, if primitive by Israeli Druse standards. The lands adjacent to the villages were being worked. Children were neatly dressed.

And as might be expected, the Syrian Druse receive visitors — even visitors they don't know who can't speak their language — with the same graciousness and warmth which characterizes their Israeli Druse cousins. *P.M.*

LIKE many other people who saw it, we had a double-take at a picture published in Britain's "The Guardian" on January 4.

It showed British Prime Minister James Callaghan about to leave on his present trip abroad. The caption read: "A wind-blown Mr. Callaghan leaves Heathrow for Bangladesh, India and Palestine."

We don't know what his hosts in Pakistan think of that particular bit of incivility towards their country: after all, everyone likes his name to be printed correctly.

We ourselves can't make up our minds whether it was a slip of the pen (a friend tells us that this is not the first time the "Guardian" has made the same "mistake.")

Or was it the caption-writer's wishful thinking about a possible Palestinian state or the reflection of a moribund mind that stopped dead in mid-May 1948?

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Catching up with old positions

SHALOM COHEN asks whether Israel's previous stands on Sinai and the West Bank have been overtaken by the Sadat peace initiative.

WE'RE ALL busy decoding the Government's territorial proposals for peace, trying to divine Mr. Begin's purpose, and Mr. Sadat's, and arguing the pros and cons, very much on the basis of partial information. We fall back on ourselves as informed sources.

Informed on the past, that is; on the long-standing Israel positions and formulae. And this makes the present only more perplexing.

The confusion begins when one recalls these 10-year-old positions, which were supported, basically, by those now in power. One is confronted with disparities and inconsistencies between the old territorial stands and the present entirely new situation. It's not just the reversal of roles, such as the attacks on Begin by Gush Emunim and other former friends, or the new configurations in the old dove-hawk political birdcage.

When we think back to the past formulae for both Sinai and the West Bank, we have to ask: Were they then viable, calculated positions? Or did they just happen, develop in a vacuum, fashioned by prevailing winds? And if they were tenable then, why aren't they now?

Anyone who followed the development of official Israel positions since the Six Day War will have noticed that some of these positions were periodically amended for the sake of diplomatic "momentum." But the basic positions remained, and were implemented in the territories. That is, until the Man descended on us out of the blue, and we all took off vertically into that no-man's-land we now call Euphoria. To plagiarize *The Post's* TV reviewer, all we need now is defensible borders for that marzipan state — now that the chips are down.

IN THE pre-Sadat-in-Jerusalem days, Sinai, uncomplicated by ideology, was mostly of military importance. Control of (not necessarily sovereignty over) Sharm e-Sheikh was more important than peace, which was an unlikely prospect anyway. Moreover, Sharm had symbolic overtones, and was a reminder of the threatened stranglehold that sparked the 1967 war. The past position on Sharm will perhaps now be vindicated by some system for Israel, or joint, control.

However, from 1967 on, the Sharm problem led to economic development in southern Sinai, Ophira, coastal civilian settlements up to Eilat, as well as the development of tourist amenities, permanent ones — with all the infrastructure that goes with them.

Did this civilian development just happen, drawn into the vacuum created by a persistent enemy, or by some Parkinson's departmental enterprise? Or was it the result of considered long-term planning and for good?

It is necessary to differentiate between this type of development and the strictly military installations — airfields, bases, etc. — that would be needed in case of war, or for deterrent purposes. Such military installations were moved as part of the Sinai interim disengagement agreements.

The later Rafiah salient settlement-cum-security projects, Yamit and so on, are at least close to the international border. They aren't deep in Sinai — over which, as we have now been reminded, Israel never claimed sovereignty.

Even now, some satisfactory arrangement for the Rafiah area could be worked out. But if there is deadlock over this, what can be expected when it comes to the civilian settlements and economic development deeper in Sinai? Were the latter set up with the idea that one day they might be abandoned, or placed under Egyptian sovereignty? Sinai could have been "held" with military installations and forces alone — plus some basic civilian and tourist facilities. (Ironically, Israel's development projects showed Egypt what could be done with that once desolate area.)

I well remember a tour to Ophira with a housing minister, who showed us around almost completed blocks of housing, all very permanent looking, and told us about the big plans. And I still have the glossy brochure on the Ophira of the future. The Likud, which was then the Opposition, complained that not enough was being done.

Will Israelis have free access to these developed and beautified spots in Sinai — under the Egyptian sovereignty already offered by Israel? Or will the Israel negotiators insist on combining the existing civilian settlements and projects with Israel's "security presences," and thereby preserve *de facto* Israel civilian zones? And if so, would this be and remain a final condition, the rejection of which would end negotiations?

ONE FINDS similar incongruities in the West Bank sector. The Labour establishment attacks the "autonomy under Israel control" plan as a device to satisfy Begin's "historic rights" ideology, but which will sooner or later lead to the creation of a Palestinian Arab irredentist state. Without entering into the merits of the argument, it must be said that the "Jordanian solution" advocated by Labour raises questions similar to those over Sinai. If the so-called Jordanian solution means straightening out Israel's vulnerable pre-1967 border, providing a hinterland for Jerusalem, and establishing agreed security presences in the West Bank, what happens to the civilian settlements beyond the "adjusted" border? Ideally, the Jordan-West Bank complex would in due course become the Palestinian state — end of problem.

However, the main thrust of Israel's settlement-security policy in past years was in the Bik'a, by a chain of settlements along the Jordan River. The Jordan was to be Israel's future "security (not political) border." That same policy avoided settling in Arab populated areas (as distinct from Kiryat Arba, which was forced on the government, and the later Gush efforts).

Does Labour now suggest for the peace negotiations a Jordanian solution whereby the Israel settlements on the doorstep of the Hashemite kingdom come under Jordan-West Bank sovereignty? According to the "old" formula, the Israel settlements here too would have to be integrated into the "security presence" along the river, to protect these settlements and to form the "security border." But under whose sovereignty? One must add that ideas of Israel security presences on West Bank hilltops, away from the river valley, have also been mooted in the past by Israeli military experts.

Clearly the old "national consensus" policy is out of focus today. Unless the public smiles and "optimism" are a show to hide the fact that deadlock is in the script and the rest is just choreography.

IN AN INTERVIEW in *Yediot Aharonot* last Friday, Israel Galili, one of the chief architects of the previous government's settlement policy, said, and most vehemently, "Our settlement map after the Six Day War showed clearly what Israel meant when it demanded true security borders." When asked whether the Labour Government had ever discussed the dismantling of settlements beyond the "Green Line," he said that no such "detailed discussion" had ever been held concerning "the extent of the territorial compromise," but that "every head of the Alignment governments had declared unequivocally that no settlement across the 'green line' had been set up with the idea of ever giving it up." Furthermore, "these settlements constitute an inseparable part of the struggle for defensible borders... with the clear aim that they will be *included within our sovereignty." (our italics).*

He added that he himself had never claimed that "Israel would achieve everything it wanted as regards every settlement across the 'green line' and in all sectors." Galili stated that "we will never return to the 1967 lines," and that "if reports are true that the whole of Sinai was promised to Sadat from the start, then it was a really shocking step."

Either the past "national consensus" positions are still good or the new conditions have made them obsolete.

If the first is true, one can only hope that contrary to recent Egyptian public statements, Begin and Sadat achieved a large measure of agreement in their Jerusalem a Ismailiya talks.

The second, obsolescence, impli that until now territorial policy a its implementation were predicat on the utter improbability of pea and that at best (or worst) further terim withdrawals through bilate agreements could be expected — t line taken by Begin's predecess Yitzhak Rabin.

Does this mean that Rabin a Golda (who has been keeping ve quiet) and their colleagues believ — and perhaps still believe — that good can come from an Ars initiated *overall* settlement, that it a trap? In their time there we words from Cairo about a settlem for "total withdrawal" plus regular rider: "a solution of legitimate rights of the Palestini people." The offer was unacceptal and they weren't talking to anyway. Is it different now becau of that traumatic Sadat visit, as sign of a genuine wish for peace?

The Sadat gesture could becom passing episode, and one will only able to evaluate it — and reappra the old positions — when the lid is and we know more about t proposals and counter-proposals the peace negotiations.

Dry Bones

READERS' LETTERS

SINAI AND PALESTINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Permit me to congratulate Gisela Nadler on her letter of January 6, "The ownership of Sinai." I had been waiting for one of our leaders to draw attention to the late Colonel Meinertzhagen's views.

However, there is one point that calls for clarification: the Sinai Desert was never handed over to Egyptian administration by the British Mandatory Government; nor did this Government have any right to do so. The Sinai Desert, as Mrs. Nadler correctly states, was part of the Turkish Empire and thus of the Mandatory Territory destined for the return of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland. This was the view of Colonel Meinertzhagen. The British gave the Egyptian Government the challenge to develop a certain part of the Sinai Desert, a challenge which has never been taken up by the Egyptian Government.

Consequently, Israel should never speak of "returning" the desert to Egypt, but rather consider giving it part of Sinai as a generous gesture towards a peace settlement!

As to the designation, "Palestine," the Land of Israel was called Palestine as an act of revenge by the Roman conqueror. The aim was to extinguish every vestige of Israel by expelling the people and giving their homeland the name of their archenemies.

It seems to have been a fatal mistake on the part of the founding fathers of Zionism to call the land of their longing "Palestine" and not "Land of Israel." It was only in the 18th century that the nameless, forgotten and neglected southern part of the Turkish Empire was called Palestine again. And it was a clever act of the British Mandatory Government to pick up this name in order to create "Arab Palestinian nationalism" for the masses of immigrating Arabs and Egyptians — for the well-known purposes of the British Government.

Today, Arab Palestinian nationalism has become a historic fact. The Arab Palestinians — not the PLO — have the legal right to claim their own longed-for homeland.

HANNAH BERNHEIM

Jerusalem.

NASSER'S PEACE OFFER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — David Landau's article "No more metaphysics" (December 23), may have been an eye-opener to many.

I would like to add an historical footnote. Mr. Landau mentions President Nasser three times. He creates the impression that Sadat's announcement in early 1971 that Egypt was prepared for a peace treaty with Israel, was made possible by Nasser's disappearance from the scene.

In fairness to Nasser, it should be recorded that Nasser himself stated in May 1970 that he was in favour of a peace treaty with Israel, in line with the November 1967 resolution. Details of this may be found in the Knesset Records of May 26, 1970 (page 1877), and also in the London "Jewish Chronicle" (May 29, 1970).

Walter Laqueur expressed the opinion some years ago that the settlement likely to emerge from the Yom Kippur War would be of the kind that we could have obtained without undue difficulty after the Six Day War. Recent events tend to confirm that evaluation.

ZEEV RAPHAEL

Haifa.

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In my opinion, Israel should not be in such a hurry to give Sinai and the West Bank of the Jordan back to the Arabs. Four times in 25 years, the Arabs have committed acts of aggression against Israel which resulted in wars. Four times the Arabs were defeated. "To the victor (in war) belong the spoils," said the American General Andrew Jackson. How much more so if the victor was the victim of aggression!

The outcry of the majority of Arab leaders against Sadat's peace moves shows that the Arabs want Israel's destruction. The assumption that giving back the territories will assure Israel's existence is wrong and dangerous. The Arabs will destroy you, Sadat included, if they feel they are strong enough to do so. What Israel is actually saying to the Arabs is: "You can start a war against us any time you want to. If you win one, you'll destroy us forever. But if you lose, no harm will have been done — you'll get back all the territories you lost."

Territory where Israel was forced to shed her blood is Israeli territory.

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PLANS FOR YEROHAM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I'm pleased to note that your "Remedy for Yeroham" editorial (January 4) reads as cogently here in "half-grown" Yeroham as it does there in half-grown Jerusalem. But important things are afoot about which you're plainly unaware.

At a meeting in Yeroham on January 5 attended by Eliezer Shmueli and Dan Shimshoni, Ben-Gurion University representatives, regional and local education leaders and officials, Professor Menahem Alexenberg presented the outlines of a plan to transform Yeroham's weakest link — education — into a model for others to emulate. It calls, in brief, for the creation of an experimental teacher training programme which, with the crucial aid of teams of superior teachers, would metamorphose local schools into several dozen mini-schools. The double focus is on restructuring the educational experience of Yeroham's youngsters, enlisting their own involvement and creativity, and producing a new corps of community-oriented teachers who themselves come from the Yerohams of Israel.

The proposal received the enthusiastic endorsement of all present and will become operative in August, with the arrival of the first class of student-teachers.

Professor Alexenberg, by the way, is no outside consultant. He lives with us here in glamorous Yeroham, a member of Mashmia Shalom, a garin of religious families, mainly Anglo-Saxon for the present, with a socially conscious, ecological, and dovish bias. We're finding our lives in this Negev community of clean air and warm people both purposeful and enjoyable, a far cry from the martyrdom one might conjure if one's knowledge of Yeroham were restricted to even the friendly comments of the distant press.

HAIM CHERTOK

Yeroham.

Not something to celebrate

Political commentators should be careful with their biblical texts in seeking divine sanction for their concepts of right and wrong, say MOSHE KOHN.

GUSH EMUNIM is severely criticized by its religious opponents for the pretension of its main spokesmen to exact knowledge of God's word concerning our security-political situation. The critics are right, of course, when they say that Tora and Halacha do not lay down any categorical ruling that is to apply immutably to all geopolitical situations in which the Jewish State may find itself.

However, some of these critics are no more modest than the Gush spokesmen in presuming to have inside information about God's word concerning our situation.

The latest of these is my colleague, *Post* Diplomatic Correspondent David Landau, who writes (January 8) that we have reached a "moment of truth" when we must not only recognize the right of the Arabs of Eretz Yisrael to self-determination, but must also contemplate renouncing our claim in principle to Judea and Samaria. And we must do so, he says, on the basis of the principle of *"Ayt la'asot lashem, heferu Toratecha."*

This passage in Psalms 119:126 means (in my own, rather literal, translation): "It is a time to act for God; they have violated Thy Tora." The Jewish Publication Society translation tells us, also rather literally: "It is time for the Lord to work; they have made void Thy law."

The major difference between these two translations stems from the fact that there are Hebrew words, prefixes and suffixes whose exact meaning can be known only from the context, and sometimes — as in this instance — the context itself is not absolutely clear. Thus, both "It is a time to act for God" and "It is time for the Lord to work" could be correct.

BE THAT as it may, Landau, in order to apply this passage to our situation, gives it to us in what he calls a "rough translation" but is really an interpretation. He says it means that "at a time of Divine opportunity — 'a moment of truth' — set aside your dearest dogmas."

He seems to know, then, that Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook and his followers in Gush Emunim were wrong in interpreting the outcome of the Six Day War and other events that followed as Divine opportunities or at least signals, whereas Anwar Sadat's willingness to accept our total and unconditional surrender to all his demands has presented us with a Divine opportunity, which it behoves us to seize.

Landau's translation-interpretation, then, is a far cry from the literal meaning. More important: it does not even jibe with the way the Jewish Sages tried to understand and apply the passage, whose "practical" meaning, regardless of how well it is translated, is rather obscure.

None of the classical interpretations or applications I know of speaks of, or even hints at, a "Divine opportunity" that we must seize, for our own sake, even at the price of setting aside our "dearest dogmas."

In Talmud Tractate Berachot 63a, for instance, we are offered two alternative readings of the passage. One is: it is a time to act for God because they have violated the Tora. The example given of this is a strange one: when you see that the Tora is held in general contempt, do not try to spread its words, for that will only increase the amount of Tora being held in contempt. "Acting for God," then, sometimes means remaining silent when the time is not propitious for action, while mustering your strength to speak up when the time is ripe again.

The other reading is: they violated the Tora because it was time to act for God. An example given of this is the Prophet Elijah's action in violating an explicit commandment of the Tora by offering a sacrifice to God on a forbidden "high place" in order to show the people the falseness of the prophets of Baal (I Kings, 18).

IN TRACTATE Kritut 8a, a third reading is suggested: it is sometimes better to dispense with a part of the Tora in order that its essence shall be kept, rather than insist on the strict letter of the Tora in a situation where this would cause violation of the essence.

This reading is suggested by the story the Talmud tells here: once, the price of doves for a certain obligatory offering at the Temple rose to such exorbitant heights that Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel, president of the Sanhedrin, forced the price down to a reasonable level by declaring the sacrifice optional.

And in Temura 14b we are told: better that a letter of the Tora sho be expunged than that the ent Tora should be forsaken by Jew

One more example appears Maimonides' commentary Mishna Berachot 9, where he inf prets Psalms 119:126 to mean t violation of the *takkan* promulgated by the Sages is t tamount to violation of the T itself.

THESE ARE only a few examples the interpretation and applicatio that passage by the Talmudic Sa and by many other Jewish comm tators down the ages. Most of th clearly sanction temporary susp sion of a commanded act or proh tion, so that in the long range, and the Jewish people might better served. In none of them d find anything remotely resembl David Landau's application of passage to the Age of Sadat, volving the setting aside of dogm

If the Jewish people's rights to in Eretz Yisrael are merely "dearest dogma," the most Lan is entitled to argue on the basis that passage is that, in our pres circumstances, we must or sho waive our right to implement t dogma. He has not argued this. he has really done is argue, alm convincingly, that in the wo power game, we are too insignific to be able to stand up for our rig

For this reason, we may be c pelled to surrender to Sadat and forces he represents. But that is something to celebrate. Nor sho we pilpulize Divine sanction onto And we should certainly not dre that our surrender is going to buy a peace that will last very long.

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